



BLACK LABEL

CABERNET SAUVIGNON SHIRAZ MALBEC

2007

BLACK LABEL IS THE FLAGSHIP RED BLEND OF THE WOLF BLASS RANGE. SINCE ITS FIRST VINTAGE IN 1973, BLACK LABEL HAS WON THE JIMMY WATSON TROPHY AN UNPRECEDENTED FOUR TIMES.

The Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Shiraz sourced from Langhorne Creek contributed the complex flavours, richness and depth as well as elegance, finesse and eucalypt characteristics expressive of the region. The McLaren Vale sourced Shiraz brings plush berry and plum fruit with warmth and opulence to enrich the palate while the hint of Malbec enhances vibrancy and flavour on the palate.

Following crushing and de-stemming, each vineyard parcel was fermented separately for up to seven days on skins, allowing optimum release of colour and flavour. The wine completed fermentation in new and seasoned French and American oak barrels. After racking, the wine was returned to its original barrels for 22 months maturation, before final blending and bottling.



WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>Langhorne Creek (85%), McLaren Vale (15%)</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>An outstanding Langhorne Creek vintage saw parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Malbec selected from the region, with the remaining Shiraz from McLaren Vale. Dry conditions and widespread spring frosts resulted in low yields, small bunches and berry size across both regions. Despite the lower yields, the moderate conditions late in the season allowed steady ripening, resulting in excellent flavour and colour development.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>Cabernet Sauvignon (70%), Shiraz (22%), Malbec (8%).</i>
MATURATION	<i>Matured for 22 months in 90% French oak and 10% American oak barrels, 85% new and 15% seasoned.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 15%</i> <i>Acidity: 7.3g/L</i> <i>pH: 3.49</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>This wine will develop with age and reward for a decade or more with careful cellaring.</i>

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Deep garnet red.</i>
NOSE	<i>Intense lifted aromas of blackcurrant and dark berry fruit are supported by notes of roasted coffee, dark chocolate with hints of eucalypt and mint. Entwined throughout are notes of complex cigar box oak and bottle age aromas.</i>
PALATE	<i>The palate is rich and full with spicy bramble fruit and plum flavours, integrated with fine-grained tannins. The rich, opulent wine, enhanced by the characteristic nuances of bottle age, shows exceptional complexity and balance. The structure is built on persistence of flavour, seamless texture and long velvety tannins.</i>