



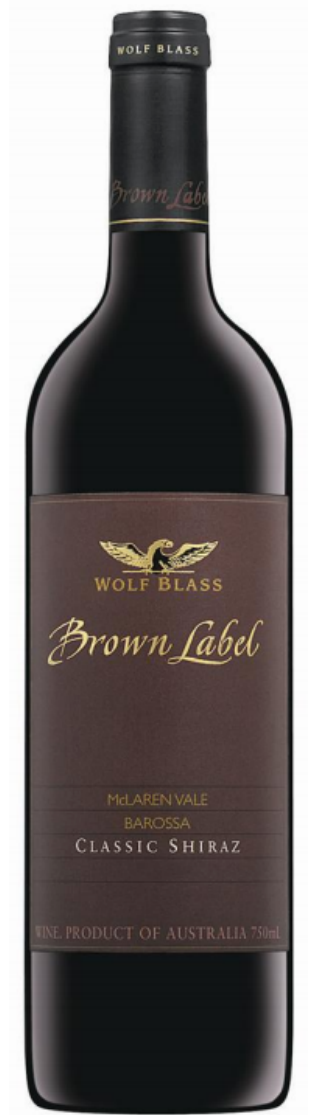
BROWN LABEL

CLASSIC SHIRAZ
2001

SINCE THE INAUGURAL VINTAGE OF 1975, WOLF BLASS HAS PRODUCED A 100% SHIRAZ OF EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY TO COMPLEMENT THE CLASSIC RANGE, MADE WITH BLACK LABEL IN MIND TO PRODUCE THE HIGHEST QUALITY WINE FROM EACH REGION, WHICH HAS SEEN THE BEST QUALITY.

The original Wolf Blass Brown Label Shiraz was first released in 1975, a blend of Shiraz from Langhorne Creek and the Barossa Valley. The wine came to be known as Brown Label 'Classic Shiraz', evolving into the finest Shiraz blend of the vintage, with fruit selected from the year's most outstanding regions.

Fruit for the 2001 Brown Label Classic Shiraz was sourced from high quality Shiraz vineyards in the premium McLaren Vale and Barossa regions of South Australia. Constant contact between the winemaker and the growers has ensured fruit of consistent quality with subtle differences to provide options to the winemaker for blending. After crushing and destemming, fermentation was completed in a combination of new American and French oak barrels. Once dry, the wine was then matured for a further 18 months in the same barrels.



WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>McLaren Vale, Barossa</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>The 2001 vintage in both regions was similar with good winter and spring rains followed by warm conditions in November and December creating strong growth on the vines. The quality of fruit was excellent in both the McLaren Vale and Barossa regions producing fruit with good deep colour, rich flavours and textured tannins.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>Shiraz</i>
MATURATION	<i>18 months maturation in new American and French oak barrels.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 14.5% Acidity: 7.5 g/L pH: 3.29 Residual Sugar: 2.4 g/L</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>Careful cellaring will see this wine continue to develop over 6 to 10 years.</i>
FOOD MATCH	<i>Beef Stroganoff.</i>

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Vibrant deep red.</i>
NOSE	<i>Lifted blackberry fruit with hints of pepper and spice, and supporting chocolatey oak.</i>
PALATE	<i>Rich with sweet berry fruit, subtle oak and a long, lingering finish. This is a wine of opulence and complexity.</i>