



GREY LABEL

McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ
2007

SINCE 1975 WOLF BLASS HAS BLENDED A SHIRAZ FROM SOME OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING FRUIT OF THE VINTAGE TO PRODUCE A WINE THAT IS RICH AND FULL WITH LONG-TERM POTENTIAL, BUT ALSO WONDERFULLY DRINKABLE ON RELEASE.

Historically, Wolf Blass Grey Label Shiraz was a blend from several regions, mostly McLaren Vale, Barossa Valley and Langhorne Creek. In 2002, the winemaking and viticultural teams decided the fruit available from McLaren Vale was best suited for this wine style and it's now a 100% McLaren Vale wine.

Following crushing the wine was fermented on skins for up to seven days, allowing optimum release of colour and flavour without extracting excessive tannin. Individual parcels completed fermentation in seasoned and new French and American oak. After racking, the wine was returned to the original barrels for 18 months maturation, before the winemaking team carefully assessed each parcel for blending and bottling.



WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>McLaren Vale</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>A dry and compact vintage, 2007 was early with low yields due to drought conditions. Rain in January provided some relief to the vines, but also caused some berry splitting - further reducing yields. However, the dry conditions continued to prevail, thus avoiding any disease pressure. With its maritime influence, McLaren Vale avoided the spring frosts that affected large areas of southern Australia and produced a reduced crop of fruit that delivered varietal definition and intensity.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>Shiraz</i>
MATURATION	<i>Matured in 62% French oak (38% new, 24% seasoned) and 38% American oak (14% new, 24% seasoned) for 18 months.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 15.5%</i> <i>Acidity: 6.54g/L</i> <i>pH: 3.61</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>With rich fruit flavours in its youth, this wine will continue to develop over the next 8-10 years.</i>

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Deep red to purple in colour.</i>
NOSE	<i>The nose shows aromas of rich, ripe berries with hints of pepper, spice and dark chocolate.</i>
PALATE	<i>The wine has a rich, soft, full fruit palate with well-integrated oak, soft tannins and a long seamless finish.</i>