



WOLF BLASS®

# BLACK LABEL

CABERNET SHIRAZ

1990

THE 1990 VINTAGE SEES THE 18<sup>TH</sup> CONSECUTIVE RELEASE OF BLACK LABEL, OUR ICONIC FLAGSHIP AND THE FIRST ULTRA-PREMIUM WINE MADE BY WOLF BLASS WITH THE AIM WAS TO CREATE THE FINEST RED BLEND FROM THE VINTAGE.

The philosophy behind Black Label is simple: to take the year's very best wines and weave them together into a synergistic whole, the resultant wine being greater than the sum of its parts. It's about creating a wine with many layers of flavour in a complex composition of intense fruit characters, magnificent structure, a rich lustrous texture, long velvety tannins and a lingering palate.

Fruit for Black Label is chosen solely on the basis of its intensity of flavour and potential for longevity. The individual vineyard batches were fermented on skins to 4° Baume then pressed, with the fermentation completed in new oak.



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## WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>Langhorne Creek, McLaren Vale</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>1990 was considered a classic vintage throughout South Australia. Abundant rain fell over winter filling reserves and saturating the ground water. Fruit set was exceptional and growers prepared for a higher than average yield. Although the summer was long and dry, it wasn't hot which allowed vines to flourish and made for one of the longest ripening periods on record. One vintage report stated "God and the growers have done their bit, it's now up to the winemaker!"</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>84% Langhorne Creek Cabernet Sauvignon - 16% McLaren Vale Shiraz</i>
MATURATION	<i>The wine completed fermentation in American oak hogsheads and, after racking, was matured in American and French Nevers hogsheads for a further 30 months prior to blending.</i>
ALCOHOL	<i>12.5%</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>Assessment in 2011 recommends drinking now to 2016.</i>
AWARDS	<i>The David Johnstone &amp; Associates Trophy for Best Bordeaux Blend in Show: 1992 Royal Hobart Wine Show (Class 40) Gold Medal: 1994 Royal Melbourne Wine Show (Class 43) Gold Medal: 1993 Perth Royal Wine Show (Class 44) Gold Medal: 1993 McLaren Vale Wine Show (Class 17) Gold Medal: 1993 Royal Hobart Wine Show (Class 35) Gold Medal: 1991 Royal Melbourne Wine Show (Class 22)</i>

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## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Medium deep colour.</i>
NOSE	<i>Intense praline and dark berry aromas with a touch of mint and sage.</i>
PALATE	<i>A rich, elegant fresh palate with sweet blackcurrant and chocolate flavours and a touch of mocha, with a fine, silky texture, balanced oak and leafy, dry tannins.</i>
TASTED	<i>2011</i>

*Winemaker: John Glaetzer*