



WOLF BLASS®

BLACK LABEL

CABERNET SAUVIGNON SHIRAZ

1993

THE 1993 VINTAGE SEES THE 21ST CONSECUTIVE RELEASE OF BLACK LABEL, OUR ICONIC FLAGSHIP AND THE FIRST ULTRA-PREMIUM WINE MADE BY WOLF BLASS WITH THE AIM 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. Individual parcels were crushed separately. After a warm fermentation to extract colour and tannin, which was finished in oak, the wine was pressed, raked and matured in new American and French oak for a further 30 months prior to bottling.



WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>Eden Valley, Langhorne Creek</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>The lead up to the 1993 vintage saw the wettest growing conditions for more than 50 years, with rains continuing through to January. Fortunately, this was followed by a warm, dry harvest in March and April, with a late finish to the vintage.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>52% Eden Valley & Langhorne Creek Cabernet Sauvignon - 48% Eden Valley & Langhorne Creek Shiraz</i>
MATURATION	<i>30 months maturation in new American and French oak hogsheads has enhanced structure and complexity.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 13.0% Acidity: 6.6 g/L pH: 3.48 Residual sugar: 1.1 g/L Bottling date: June 1996</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>Assessment in 2011 recommends drinking now to 2016.</i>
AWARDS	<i>Gold Medal: 1998 Sydney Royal Wine Show (Class 50) Gold Medal: 1997 Sydney International Top 100</i>

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Medium deep colour.</i>
NOSE	<i>Fresh dark chocolate and grilled meat aromas with mocha oak nuances.</i>
PALATE	<i>Buoyant and fresh with dark chocolate and dark berry flavours and fine, loose-knit al dente tannins, finishing chalky and firm. Soft, supple and rich in style and still shows good fruit complexity.</i>
TASTED	<i>2011</i>

Winemaker: John Glaetzer