



BLACK LABEL

CABERNET SHIRAZ MERLOT
1984

THE 1984 VINTAGE SEES THE 12TH 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. The individual vineyard batches were fermented on skins to 4° Baume then pressed, with the fermentation completed in new oak.



WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>Langhorne Creek, Clare Valley, Eden Valley</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>Good winter and spring rains were followed by a warm and dry vintage with below average rainfall, the yields recovering from the low levels of 1983.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>75% Langhorne Creek and Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon - 15% Langhorne Creek Merlot - 10% Eden Valley Shiraz</i>
MATURATION	<i>Maturation in French and American oak.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 12.5%</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>Assessment in 2011 recommends drinking now.</i>
AWARDS	<i>The MacMahon Trophy for Best Non-Regional Dry Red Table Wine in Class 27: 1989 McLaren Vale Wine Show (Class 27) The Herbert Leslie Penfold Hyland Memorial Trophy for Best Red Table Wine: 1986 Perth Royal Wine Show (Class 44) The Bill Jamieson Trophy – Judges Choice Most Outstanding Wine Exhibited: 1986 Perth Royal Wine Show (Class 44) The Webster Wine & Spirits Trophy for Best Dry Red in Show: 1985 Royal Hobart Wine Show (Class 34) Gold Medal: 1992 McLaren Vale Wine Show (Class 25) Gold Medal: 1992 International Wine & Spirit Competition Gold Medal: 1991 Intervin Canada Gold Medal: 1990 Sydney Royal Wine Show (Class 45)</i>

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Medium crimson brick colour.</i>
NOSE	<i>Intense red berry, herb and mocha aromas.</i>
PALATE	<i>Concentrated Cabernet flavours of red and black berries, sage and liquorice with fine-grained, chocolatey tannins and savoury mocha nuances. The palate shows the power of Langhorne Creek with a soft plushness from the Merlot.</i>
TASTED	<i>2011</i>

Winemaker: John Glaetzer

*Gold Medal: 1990 National Wine Show ((Class 36)
Gold Medal: 1989 Royal Melbourne Wine Show (Class 50)
Gold Medal: 1989 McLaren Vale Wine Show (Class 27)
Gold Medal: 1989 Royal Hobart Wine Show (Class 40)
Gold Medal: 1989 International Wine & Spirit Competition
Gold Medal: 1988 Royal Hobart Wine Show
Gold Medal: 1987 Royal Hobart Wine Show
Gold Medal: 1986 Sydney Royal Wine Show
Gold Medal: 1986 Perth Royal Wine Show (Class 44)
Gold Medal: 1985 Sydney Royal Wine Show (Class 9)
Gold Medal: 1985 Royal Hobart Wine Show (Class 34)
Gold Medal: 1984 Royal Hobart Wine Show (Class 13)*