



BLACK LABEL

CABERNET SHIRAZ MERLOT
1994

THE 1994 VINTAGE SEES THE 22ND 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 three years prior to bottling.



WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>McLaren Vale, Clare Valley, Eden Valley</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>Some hail and frost damage early in the season reduced crops in some areas, though not dramatically. Once this passed, a long, mild, dry growing season produced good red wines.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>60% Cabernet Sauvignon - 33% Shiraz - 7% Merlot</i>
MATURATION	<i>Three years maturation in new American and French oak hogsheads to add complexity and richness to the palate.</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 1997</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>Assessment in 2011 recommends drinking now to 2018.</i>
FOOD MATCH	<i>Roast beef, roast nut of venison or any other full-flavoured red meat dishes. It will also match superbly with well-aged Australian cheddar.</i>

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Medium deep colour.</i>
NOSE	<i>Intense dark chocolate, panforte and red cherry aromas.</i>
PALATE	<i>A well concentrated, plush fruit palate with characters of praline, dark berry and chocolate with a touch of leafy tannin and savoury malt oak nuances. Finishes fine, bitter-sweet and minerally.</i>
TASTED	<i>2011</i>

Winemaker: John Glaetzer