



WOLF BLASS®

# BLACK LABEL

CABERNET SHIRAZ

1987

THE 1987 VINTAGE SEES THE 15<sup>TH</sup> 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, McLaren Vale, Eden Valley</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>The growing season was hampered by severe frosts across most of South Australia during budburst, reducing yields but concentrating fruit as a result. A bleak winter, tempestuous spring and a mild but wet summer has meant wines are lighter than usual in body, however a long ripening period allowed fruit to reach full sugar and flavour ripeness.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>80% Langhorne Creek &amp; McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon - 20% Eden Valley Shiraz</i>
MATURATION	<i>22 months maturation in French Nevers and American oak bogsheads.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 12.5%</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>Assessment in 2011 recommends drinking now.</i>
AWARDS	<i>The Stodart Trophy for Best One Year Old Dry Red Table Wine Classes 20-23: 1988 Royal Queensland Wine Show The Ian Smith Memorial Trophy for Best Wine in Classes 13-17: 1988 Perth Royal Wine Show (Class 15) Gold Medal: 1994 Intervin Canada Gold Medal: 1993 Royal Hobart Wine Show (Class 25) Gold Medal: 1993 Barossa Wine Show (Class 7) Gold Medal: 1992 Royal Hobart Wine Show (Class 29) Gold Medal: 1992 Barossa Wine Show (Class 7)</i>

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Medium deep red colour.</i>
NOSE	<i>Developed secondary aromas of dark chocolate and espresso add complexing elements to plummy fruit accented with nuts, a slight meatiness and leafy hints.</i>
PALATE	<i>A soft, rich, concentrated palate with well-rounded sweet fruit on the middle, dark espresso and savoury nuances, sineny tannins and a touch of mineral acidity.</i>
TASTED	<i>2011</i>

*Winemaker: John Glaetzer*

*Gold Medal: 1991 Sydney Royal Wine Show (Class 9)  
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Gold Medal: 1990 Royal Melbourne Wine Show (Class 45)  
Gold Medal: 1989 Royal Queensland Wine Show (Class 34)  
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