



BLACK LABEL

CABERNET SAUVIGNON SHIRAZ

1991

THE 1991 VINTAGE SEES THE 19TH 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>McLaren Vale, Coonawarra, Langhorne Creek, Clare Valley & Eden Valley</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>A relatively warm and dry growing season presented no problems at any stage. Initially the feeling was that the wines would not be - could not be - as good as the great 1990s but in the longer term this proved not to be the case.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>75% McLaren Vale, Coonawarra & Langhorne Creek Cabernet Sauvignon - 25% Clare Valley, McLaren Vale & Eden Valley Shiraz</i>
MATURATION	<i>30 months maturation in new French oak barriques has enhanced structure and complexity.</i>
ALCOHOL	<i>13.0%</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>Assessment in 2011 recommends drinking now to 2018.</i>
AWARDS	<i>The Cuno Pacific Pty Ltd 'Zeta Plus' Trophy for Best Dry Red Medium Bodied, Section A Class 6: 1995 Barossa Wine Show Gold Medal: 1996 Sydney Royal Wine Show (Class 50) Gold Medal: 1995 Cowra Wine Show (Class 70) Gold Medal: 1995 Barossa Wine Show (Class 6) Gold Medal: 1994 Royal Hobart Wine Show (Class 55) Gold Medal: 1994 Barossa Wine Show (Class 24) Gold Medal: 1994 Royal Adelaide Wine Show (Class 41)</i>

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Good medium deep crimson colour.</i>
NOSE	<i>A fresh nose with rich Cabernet fruit and lovely deep blackberry, cassis and dark chocolate aromas with hints of sweet oak, florals and eucalypt.</i>
PALATE	<i>A powerful, focused and balanced wine with much sophistication to the sweet, rich fruit, ripe chocolaty tannins and mocha vanillin oak. Lovely fruit complexity and richness, with good structure also a hallmark. Archetypal Black Label</i>
TASTED	<i>2011</i>

Winemaker: John Glaetzer