

PIRRAMIMMA

2005 McLAREN VALE

shiraz



The vineyards of McLaren Vale are considered home to Australia's most prized red wine - shiraz. Third generation owner and winemaker Geoff Johnston has over 20 years of experience making exceptional wine from the family's **36-year-old shiraz vineyards**.

After a reasonably wet winter across the region the vines burst well with good early shoot growth. As a consequence there were large canopies which played a part in the faster-than-usual ripening period. McLaren Vale had a milder-than-usual summer with very few days of extreme temperatures, resulting in an excellent, even ripening period. Consequently, vintage started up to two weeks earlier than is the norm. Shiraz looked particularly good this vintage.

All our harvesting was done at night when the berries were least stressed and by mechanical harvesters so entire vineyard sections could be harvested when they were at their flavor peak.

WINE PARTICULARS

Appellation:	McLaren Vale, South Australia
Vintage:	2005
Varietal:	100% Shiraz
Vineyard:	Single vineyard / own rootstock
Soil:	Sandy on the rise to dark loam on the flat
Harvested:	March 13, 2005
Yield:	2.2 tons per acre
Brix:	26.0
Alcohol:	14.2 %
Acid:	7.0 gr/litre
pH:	3.30
Residual sugar:	2.1 gr/litre
Aging:	21 months in new American oak, medium toast
Bottling date:	December 2007

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2005 release is a luscious and smooth traditional McLaren Vale shiraz with a mix of blackberry, plum and dark chocolate, matched with sweet vanilla oak and supported by velvet tannins.

This wine has structure and breeding to continue to develop, with careful bottle aging, for many years.

Geoff Johnston

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