

PIRRAMIMMA

2003 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 **34-year-old shiraz vineyards**.

The grapes for this premium shiraz were harvested in March 2003. The normally low March rainfall allowed the grapes to fully ripen and concentrate the flavor, color, and tannin.

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:	2003
Varietal:	100% Shiraz
Vineyard:	Single vineyard / own rootstock
Harvested:	March 19, 2003
Yield:	2.2 tons per acre
Brix:	27.0
Alcohol:	14.0 %
Acid:	6.5 gr/litre
pH:	3.50
Residual sugar:	3.0 gr/litre
Aging:	2 years in new American oak, medium toast
Bottling date:	May 13, 2005

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2003 release is deep red in color with purple hues. The nose shows complex spicy, pepper aromas integrated with sweet vanillin oak. The palate is richly flavored with spicy fruit and finishes with long, lingering, rich ripe tannins.

The wine has structure and breeding to continue to develop, with careful bottle maturation, for 5-8 years.

Geoff Johnston

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