

PIRRAMIMMA

2004 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 **35-year-old shiraz vineyards**.

The 2004 vintage is becoming recognized as an outstanding year for the McLaren Vale region. From veraison to harvest the weather conditions were ideal. A warm, dry November saw a rapid flowering period, followed by good berry set. The coolest January in 12 years followed by above average temperatures in February and dry conditions leading into harvest maximized fruit flavors, sugar and acid levels. As a result, fruit condition at harvest was excellent.

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:	2004
Varietal:	100% Shiraz
Vineyard:	Single vineyard / own rootstock
Soil:	Sandy on the rise to dark loam on the flat
Harvested:	March 14, 2004
Yield:	2.2 tons per acre
Brix:	26.0
Alcohol:	14.3 %
Acid:	6.7 gr/litre
pH:	3.52
Residual sugar:	3.3 gr/litre
Aging:	2 years in new American oak, medium toast
Bottling date:	August 12, 2006

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2004 release is deep red in color with purple hues. The nose shows typical aromas of spice, pepper, and licorice integrated with sweet vanillin oak from the American barriques. The full and generous palate has a good balance of acid and tannin which will enable the wine to age gracefully for many years.

Geoff Johnston

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