

Geoff Merrill

RESERVE 2005 Shiraz

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is dark red with youthful ruby hues. With time in the glass, the aroma offers many different and complex characters, initial creamy vanilla and raspberry notes evolve through spice, pepper, liquorice and plum.

The palate displays fresh fruits and a silky texture with very fine tannins. Toasted smoky oak, well balanced acid and concentrated fruit flavours provide a great structure to this wine. Youthful and vibrant, the complexities that only bottle age can bring are just beginning to develop. Although drinking well now, the rewards of cellaring will add new dimensions to the enjoyment of this wine.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Overall we regard 2005 as a very good vintage. Abundant winter rains ensured adequate soil moisture for the summer ripening period ahead. This meant very healthy vines with good canopies. The summer turned out to be reasonably mild, which meant optimal ripeness temperatures brought the harvest forward by about two weeks. Red wines from 2005 vintage typically show very good varietal characters with well balanced tannins and acid.

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TECHNICAL DETAILS

Variety: Shiraz **Growing Region:** McLaren Vale

Harvest Date: April 2005 **Tasted:** August 2009

Bottling Details: Alc: 14.5% pH: 3.3g/l TA: 6.6g/l RS: 1.4 g/l VA: 0.72 g/L

Bottling Date: July 2007 **Oak:** 28 months in small French oak barrels

