



Rosemount



Show Reserve McLaren Vale/Langhorne Creek Shiraz 2002

The Rosemount Show Reserve label is applied to wines that have been identified as having particularly fine varietal and regional characteristics in early vineyard and barrel assessments. These wines are then given extended maturation in our winery cellars before release.

The blending of wines from two or more individual viticultural regions to achieve optimum quality has a long tradition in Australian winemaking. This Show Reserve Shiraz brings together two of South Australia's most distinctive wine regions, combining the spicy richness typical of McLaren Vale with the superb depth of varietal fruit concentration from Langhorne Creek.

Vineyard Region

McLaren Vale

Vintage Conditions

The 2002 Vintage throughout the majority of South Eastern Australia was characterised by cool conditions in Spring and Summer. A warm, dry Autumn followed that ensured the grapes reached an optimum ripeness. The long ripening period and cool temperatures ensured a crop was harvested with great character and persistent flavours.

Grape Variety

Shiraz (Syrah)

Maturation

The fruit, gently crushed was pumped into traditional fermenters. The must was pumped over twice daily for optimum extraction of flavour, tannin and colour. The wine matured in new, year old and older, American and French Oak.

Winemaker Comments:



Colour

Dark ruby plum with hints of crimson at the rim.



Nose

Dense and tightly-knit, the nose shows dark bramble fruit, spice, chocolate and liquorice. Hints of vanillin oak complete the offering.



Palate

Berry and spice flavours follow from the nose, supported by fine tannins and supple oak spice. The earthier, more chocolaty tones add depth and complexity to the mid palate. The finish is long and elegant, balanced by persistent tannin and natural acidity. Appealing now, this wine will repay careful cellaring.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 15.0%

Last Tasted

15 Nov 2003

Peak Drinking

Now - 2020

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Beef,
Cheese, Duck & Game