

Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



Kangarilla Road 2005 McLaren Vale Shiraz

The 2005 vintage followed good soaking rains during the prior 2004 winter. The gentle Spring yielded excellent bud burst and early shoot growth with the resultant full canopies creating optimum ripening conditions. The summer of 2005 gave us mild daytime temperatures and typical cool nights. The resultant wines show intense fruit and excellent balancing acidity.

The wine was fermented in traditional open fermenters with heading board systems and in static open fermenters using gentle cap management techniques. The pressed wine was aged in a combination of 25% new French and American oak complemented with an even mix of 1, 2, 3 and 4 year old oak.

Total Acidity g/1L	7.00
Alcohol %	14.5
pH	3.56
Residual Sugar g/L	0
Bottling Date	01/2007
Winemaker	Kevin O'Brien

The major percentage of this wine is from our McLaren Flat vineyards. These vineyards located at the northern part of the foothills ripen later than other sub-regions resulting in "cooler climate" spicy aromatic dark berry driven wines with intense mid to back palate presence and an abundance of soft velvety tannins. These wines tend to develop best in French oak, however second and third use American oak also provide great depth.

The second component is sourced from both the Blewitt Springs and Seaview areas where soils range from mostly deep sands to red earth on limestone. The resultant wines display spicy bold dark plum characters very important as a nuance to the 2005 wine.

The final component is from a vineyard in the Sellicks sub-region which is very close to the sea. Shiraz ripens early here also with very low yields; the wines have herbaceous characters with firm Cabernet like tannins.

Aromas of spicy mulberry conserve followed by a smooth mix of black and red berry fruits on the mid and back palate. They all combine beautifully with the abundance of soft tannins.

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