

Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes

Kangarilla Road 2007 The Devil's Whiskers Shiraz

The Devil's Whiskers are the two little marks that appear around the top lips of some people when they drink red wine – even just one glass.

The 2007 vintage was one of the most difficult for many years with the vines and subsequent yields suffering severely from Australia's worst drought in recent history. Despite these extreme dry conditions the summer of 2007 was quite mild and still managed the typical cool nights so characteristic of McLaren Vale. The conditions were perfect for producing elegance and finesse and perhaps not normally associated with a drought situation.

This Shiraz (accompanied by a very small percentage of Viognier) was fermented in an open fermenter with heading down cap management and four cap treatments per day. The wine was gently pressed at dryness and aged for 14 months in new French oak Barriques.

Total Acidity g/1L	7.0
Alcohol %	14.8
pH	3.4
Residual Sugar g/L	0
Bottling Date	February 2009
Winemaker	Kevin O'Brien

This Shiraz was sourced from the "sub-region" of Aldinga which is located very close to the Gulf St. Vincent at the south-western end of McLaren Vale. Here Shiraz ripens quite early due to the harsh windy conditions and shallow soils. Shiraz from this vineyard shows spicy aromatics, dark berry driven wines with intense mid to back palate presence and an abundance of soft velvety tannins. The small portion of Viognier is from our McLaren Flat vineyard and adds nuances of light citrus conserve with fine mid palate texture.

Nose - harmonious spice and red berry fruits with hints of white pepper and sweet floral notes. Palate – Bountiful red berry fruits embrace exotic spices and linger on with whispers of aromatic white pepper.

Drink now – 15 years



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