

Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



Kangarilla Road 2007 McLaren Vale Shiraz

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.

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/L	7.02
Alcohol %	14.0
pH	3.35
Residual Sugar g/L	0
Bottling Date	June 2009
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.

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 dark cherries, cassis and plums followed by a savoury mix of earthy red and dark berry fruits on the mid and back palate with hints of mocha. They all combine beautifully with the abundance of soft tannins and integrated oak.

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