

SHOTTESBROOKE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Vintage 2007 **Variety** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon **Region** 100% McLaren Vale

Shottesbrooke is a small exclusive family owned vineyard and winery set in the eastern pocket of the beautiful and tranquil McLaren Vale, just 45 minutes from Adelaide. Magnificent views over the gum-studded vineyards, up to the rolling Willunga Hills, can be viewed from the award winning cellar door opened in April 1995.

Cabernet Sauvignon grown on the alluvial soils of the McLaren Vale region produce wines with great concentration of flavour and colour. The generous climate of the region is reflected in the richness of the wine.

Viticulture

The grapes are grown on the Reynell clone of Cabernet Sauvignon with an average age of 25 years. They are grown in ancient alluvial river flats of medium to high fertility and crop at around 3 tonne per acre.

Winemaking

The grapes were harvested in March 2007 at approximately 13.9 Baume and at full flavour development. The must was fermented in static fermenters with pump over cap management and a temperature range of 22-25C at dryness the wine was gently pressed to tank, settle and allowed to complete malolactic fermentation and then transferred to a combination of French and American oak for 14 months prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Colour

Our 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon has a rich vibrant colour, the purple hue of vintage turning to the deep red of a maturing wine.

Nose

Primary berry fruit aromas of cherry and blackcurrant are complexed with a touch of mint and show some toasty oak.

Palate

The palate is medium weight with concentrated berry fruit enhanced with spice and slightly herbal characters from tight grain oak. The structure and texture of the wine is mouth filling and warm with great length.

Food Match Full flavoured red meat dishes.

Cellaring Drink now until 2016

Accolades and Reviews

93 Points, James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2010, "Deep crimson; pure varietal blackcurrant fruit drives the bouquet and palate; there are some of the dusty tannin of the merlot, but here the volumes of the fruit sustains them. Good value."

Campbell Mattinson and Gary Walsh, THE BIG RED WINE BOOK 2009/10

90 Points, No. 100, Top 100 Red Wines at \$20 or less.

90 Points, No. 24, Top 25 Cabernet Sauvignon at \$20 or less.

"We like it. It's spicy and saucy (hoisin-esque, according to Walsh) with flavours of dark chocolate, blackberry and blackcurrant..."

Technical Details

Specific Gravity	.9945	Sulphur Dioxide FREE	24 mg/L
Alcohol	14.50 v/v	Sulphur Dioxide TOTAL	64 mg/L83
Volatile Acidity	0.77 g/L	Residual Sugar	4.3 g/L
Titratable Acid	7.14 g/L	pH	3.36

Bottling Date 18th February 2009

