



DEAD HORSE CORNER

Vintage 2008 **Variety** 100% Shiraz **Region** 100% McLaren Vale

By the late 1940's tractors were replacing horses in the vineyards. As these horses ended their days they were buried on the vineyards they had worked. The graveyards were often named and 'Dead Horse Corner' is a burial site on our vineyard. To commemorate the part horses played in Australia's viticultural history we have released this range of premium wines.

Viticulture

McLaren Vale is situated on a coastal plain with Gulf St Vincent to the west then rising to the Mt Lofty Ranges to the east, the vineyards are located on the upper slopes of the region. The generous climate produces big, bold Shiraz, signatory of the McLaren Vale region.

The vineyards were planted in 1994 on deep sandy loam soils of moderate fertility. Careful management and minimal irrigation, produce consistently high quality fruit with excellent balance. The rainfall is about 21 inches per year with this falling mainly in the winter months.

Winemaking

The grapes were harvested in March 2008 at approximately 14.6 Baume when fruit flavors were fully developed. After de-stemming and crushing the wine was fermented in static fermenters with pump over cap management. The temperature was maintained between 20 - 25C. After sufficient color and tannin was extracted from fermentation on skins, a portion of the wine was transferred to American oak to complete fermentation. The wine spent 12 months maturing with the oak before bottling in July 2009.

Tasting Notes

Colour Intense colour of deep purple.

Nose Aromas of ripe fruit, black pepper and mocha.

Palate A powerful wine bursting with varietal flavour.

Food Match Enjoy with eye fillet steak or lamb shank casserole.

Cellaring 3 – 5 years

Technical Details

Specific Gravity	0.9964	Sulphur Dioxide FREE	34 mg/L
Alcohol	14.5% v/v	Sulphur Dioxide TOTAL	86 mg/L
Volatile Acidity	0.81 g/L	Residual Sugar	4.1 g/l
Titrateable Acid	7.39 g/L	pH	3.41

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