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McLaren Vale / Coonawarra

Cabernet Sauvignon

2008

Tasting Notes

The colour has excellent depth and is very dark red with hints of crimson. The wonderful varietal aroma immediately noticeable while the blend of McLaren Vale and Coonawarra bringing out the best in this Cabernet showing peppermint, violets, leather, black olive, menthol with tasty vanilla. The palate is fresh and tight with firm tannins, well balanced acid finishes on a clean fresh fruit note.

Winemakers Comments

The 2008 Vintage was sent to test us. This vintage will be remembered for the incredible heat wave that affected South Australia and the challenges associated with it. Early indications pointed towards it being one of the greatest vintages we had seen in McLaren Vale. Good vineyard management meant we were able to process healthy fruit and we now have some excellent wines in our cellar.

Analysis

pH 3.47, TA 7.2g/L, RS 0.58g/L, Alcohol 14.5%, Harvested March 2008