



2004 Shiraz

Shiraz is the great tradition of McLaren Vale, going back to the 1850s. The first Coriole Shiraz was bottled in 1970. The 2004 wine is from estate grown Shiraz from vines that are either 35 or 15 years old. The oldest Coriole vineyard was planted in 1919 and the wine produced from those vines, the Lloyd Reserve Shiraz, is one of the Langton's Classified Wines of Australia.

Vineyards

Shiraz was planted at Coriole in 1919, the late 60s and the early 1990s. This estate-grown fruit, from soils that are relatively shallow, generally classic terra rosa red brown earth over limestone, becomes Coriole Shiraz. The climate is quite maritime, windy, with cool winters and warm to hot dry summers.

Winemaking Notes

Winemaking at Coriole is very traditional and labour intensive. Fermentation is in open tanks with hand plunging and pump overs. Oak maturation takes place over 1 year using 25-35% new barrels. Oak type has traditionally been American but with a higher proportion of French oak from the 2002 vintage. In good cellars, Coriole Shiraz is renowned for ageing over 10 years. Coriole Shiraz is generally a style that has good concentration and flavour, without excessive alcohol or sweetness.

Vintage

The 2004 harvest was a moderate and mild growing season. Fruit was under no disease pressure. Vintage staff appreciated a well paced picking season. Quantities were a little above normal. Varietal characters were very strong and overall assessment was extremely high through all levels.

Tasting Notes

Well integrated oak tannin provides a supple texture which supports the rich plum, cassis and dark chocolate. Lifted spice and ripe mulberry/blackberry aromas are complimented with rich chocolate, stewed plum, cedar and cinnamon on the nose. The overall structure is long with fine-grained tannin on the finish with generous fruit overtones.

Technical Notes

Bottling Date: 29.11.2005
Sizes: 750ml
Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale
Varietal Composition: 100% Shiraz
Alcohol: 14.5% alc/Vol
Total Acidity: 6.33 g/L
pH: 3.55
RS: 1.6 g/L

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