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Tasting Notes

1998 Chook Block Shiraz



From Wirra Wirra's own vineyards & from our specialist growers there come from time to time very small parcels of unusually intense, high quality fruit. Vinified separately to create wines of special character, they are released to intrigue & delight under this simple label.

1998 should go down as one of the great McLaren Vale vintages, producing Shiraz of amazing depth & concentration. The 1998 Chook Block Shiraz was the most outstanding, single vineyard, parcels of fruit from the vintage, exhibiting typical McLaren Vale rich concentrated fruit. Overall a wonderful full bodied & rich palate with a typically soft tannin finish. Patience will be the reward for those who cellar this wine for 10 - 15 years.

Winemakers:	Ben Riggs
Grape Varieties:	100% Shiraz
Region:	100% McLaren Vale, South Australia.
Vineyard:	Chook Block
Grower:	Steve Brunato & Kevin Hammat
Oak Maturation:	New & one year-old French & American barriques.
Amount Bottled:	257 dozen
Colour:	Brilliant, deep dark plum.
Bouquet:	Rich & intense aromas of blackberry & plums with underlying hints of spice & toffee. These are balanced with integrated cedar oak & pepper spice..
Palate:	Full flavoured varietal Shiraz characteristics, showing sweet plum & berry flavours backed up by complex young toasted oak & well integrated fine grained tannins. The wine has spicy & enduring finish.
Technical Notes:	Alc /vol: 14.0% pH: 3.44 TA: 6.3 g/L