

2008 CHURCH BLOCK

Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot



THE MATTHEW JUKES

100 Best Australian Wines 2010, Matthew Jukes and Quentin Johnson

"I always have a smile on my face when I open a bottle of Church Block because this wine has a cast iron guarantee of excitement. There is inevitably an extra dimension of flavour at its core which leaves you gasping in awe of the extraordinary skill required to assemble these grapes in such style. Cabernet, Shiraz and Merlot seem like the original three Musketeers in this wine such as their teamwork, laughter level and lust for life."

WINEFRONT Gary Walsh, OCT 09

91 PTS

"Jam packed with juicy blueberry fruit and black jelly beans with a layer of almond paste and a light veneer of cedar oak. Then soft and plump with sweet choc dipped plums and blueberries, fine soft suede-like tannins and balanced acidity. There's a touch of bitter herb on exit but no problem. It's a highly slurpable, built for on-premise 'ooohs and ahhh that's bloody nice' sort of wine but excellent at what it does."

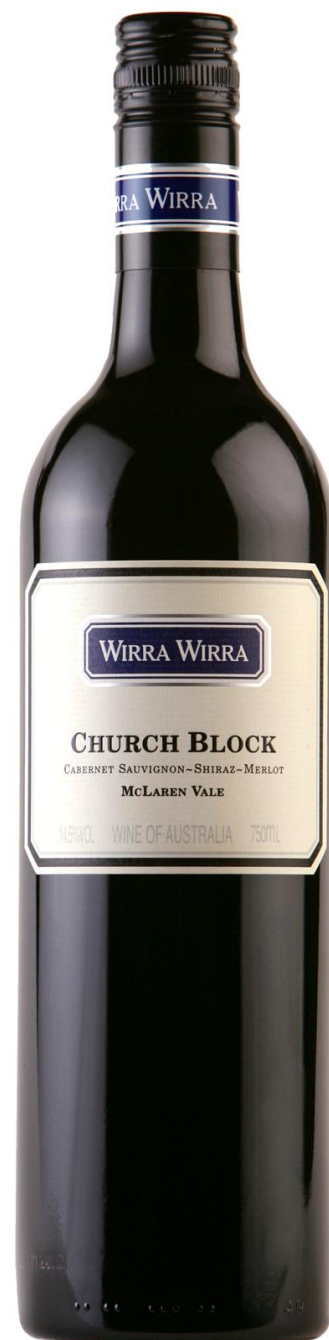
WINSOR'S CHOICE Windsor Dobbin, OCT 09

"The 06, 07 and 2008 vintages of this excellent McLaren Vale blend are all of stellar quality with the 08 and absolute ripper – vibrant and fruity with plenty of depth of flavour. It's a plush and delicious blend of cabernet sauvignon, shiraz and merlot that is superb value for money. Perfect with a good steak or Wagyu burger."

NEWCASTLE HERALD Wine List, John Lewis, DEC 09

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"...It is crimson with a purple core and has glace cherry and gumleaf aromas. Zingy blackcurrant flavour shows on the front of the palate and black olive, ripe plum and dark chocolate fruit characters meld with spicy oak on the middle palate and persistent sweet berry fruit combines with dusty tannins at the finish..."





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EPICURE Uncorked, Ralph Kyte-Powell, MAR 10

“At southbank you may notice an impressive Wirra Wirra “work of art” built from corks. In fact, this estate chooses screw caps for its wines and the 2008 Church Block is no exception. Following the formula of fairly priced, honest reds, this cabernet shiraz merlot offers berry fruit, dark chocolate and spicy notes, good depth and a long, soft finish.”

GOOD TASTE Greg Duncan Powell, MAR10

“Each of the three varieties in Church Block brings its own aromas to the party. The taste and texture of the wine is full, round and satisfying it’s perfect with slow-roasted lamb.”

ILLAWARRA MERCURY Grape Expectations, Kerry Skinner, FEB 10

“...the quality of this much-loved blend of cabernet sauvignon, shiraz and merlot hasn’t changed. It’s soft and supple with layers of berry and plum fruit, lashings of spice, chocolate characters, oak and smooth tannins.”

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS Better Bottles, FEB 10

“One of our all-time favourites. Has lots of juicy red fruit from McLaren Vale. It’s generous, velvety and ideal for a better class of barbie.”

THE BIG RED WINE BOOK 2010/11 Campbell Mattinson Gary Walsh

“...It’s jam-packed with juicy blueberry and blackberry jellybean flavour, complemented here by a layer of almond and cedar-like notes, likely from oak. There’s a touch of bitter herbs on the exit but no problem – the seduction has well and truly taken place by then.”

WBM Nick Stock, SEP 10

89 PTS

“This leads with a clean-cut freshness and plenty of regional liquorice, some plums and chocolate too. It’s a blend of Cabernet, Shiraz and Merlot and it says more about McLaren Vale and it’s easy going slurpable red wine style than it does about any one grape or another. Nice balance.”

AUSTRALIAN LIQUOR INDUSTRY AWARDS 2010

Wirra Wirra Church Block awarded ‘Premium Red Wine of the Year’ \$12 - \$35

