



2006 CHURCH BLOCK

Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot

WINORAMA.COM.AU Gary Walsh, FEB 08

91 POINTS

"I think Church Block has lifted in quality over the past few vintages. It's back on form and I'd say this vintage is better than the 2005."..." Hmmm 90 or 91 points for this? It's such a generous and giving wine that I feel compelled to reciprocate. It'd be rude not to I think."

[CANBERRA TIMES](#) Food & Wine, Fergus McGee, FEB 08

★★★★★

"There is no mistaking that cabernet sauvignon makes up the majority of this vintage of Church Block. Leafy snowpea aromas are initially present, but there are plenty of rip-fruit aromas as well. Blackcurrant and stewed-prune and plum flavours are built around a soft and generous palate. As far as a drink-now cabernet blend goes this one has to be one of the best."

[SYDNEY MORNING HERALD](#) Spectrum, Greg Duncan Powell, FEB 08

"This one is one of the better vintages of Church Block." "...it's the depth, texture and softness of the tannins that seduce the drinker."

[HERALD SUN](#) Quaffing, Paddy Kendler, FEB 08

4.5 POINTS (Fine Drop)

"...one of the regions [McLaren Vale] more dependable labels. A tasty blend of cabernet sauvignon, shiraz and merlot that thoroughly deserves its widespread popular appeal."

[ESSENTIALLY FOOD](#) Michael Cooper, FEB 08

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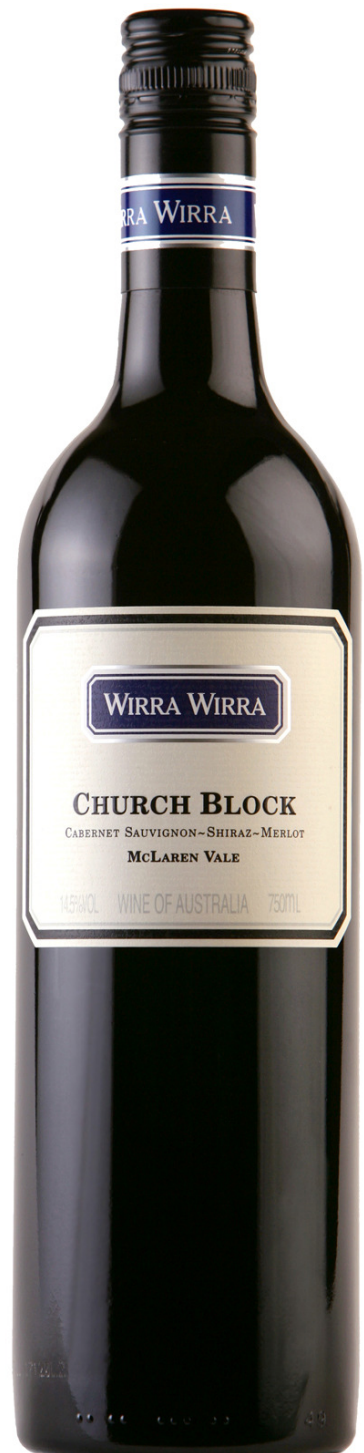
"... a famous blend from McLaren Vale, in South Australia. Setting out to combine "complexity" with "pure drinking pleasure", it hits the target with ease."

[AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2009](#), James Halliday

"Notwithstanding the blend (50/30/20) it is the region that comes through most clearly. Transcending all varieties; medium bodied, with dark chocolate and some oak influence to the black fruits."

[SUNDAY TELEGRAPH](#) John Fordham, May 2008

"Now in its 36th year, this splendidly crafted cabernet sauvignon-shiraz-merlot combo McLaren Vale just gets better year after year. Right up there with the best recent releases."



SYDNEY MORNING HERALD Wine of the Week, Huon, MAY 08

“Rarely have I been so impressed by this familiar blend of McLaren Vale cabernet sauvignon shiraz and merlot as I have by the ‘06.”

SUN HERALD Uncorked the Wine Guide, Sally Gudgeon, MAY 08

★★★★★

“This hearty combination of cabernet (47%), Shiraz (35%) and merlot (18%) from McLaren Vale will warm the cockles. With blends this good who wants varietal wines?”

WEST AUSTRALIAN Top Value Reds, JUNE 08

“Just love this wine year in and year out. Offers generously proportioned fruit, supported with fine silky tannins and a spicy savoury fruit dominant palate. Current drinking gem, with a little in reserve for a couple of years in the cellar.”

THE BIG RED WINE BOOK Campbell Mattinson, 2008

92 POINTS

“Tip-top red wine drinking. The more I drank of it the more perfect it seemed - I think I’m going to have to nab me a case. It’s perfectly balanced and perfectly powered, bangs of blackcurrant and blackberry-like flavour easing into fine, perfectly ripened tannins. Oh how I wish that all reds at this price were as good as this.”



GOLD MEDAL

San Francisco International Wine Comp 2008

STEPHEN TANZER INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR Josh Reynolds, SEP/OCT 08

“Deep red. Smoky- and blackcurrant aromas are complemented by dried flowers and cured tobacco. Fleshy red berry and cherry flavours are gently firm by dusty tannins and become sweeter with air. Finishes soft and persistent....”

AUSTRALIAN LIQUOR INDUSTRY AWARDS 2008 BEST PREMIUM RED WINE

TASTE FOOD & WINE 2009 Matthew Jukes/Tyson Stelzer

“Church Block is a lesson in blending and building flavour. This is a real skill and the main aim is to make the final wine seem effortlessly assembled and seamlessly in harmony. The 2006 vintage of this wine is honed, smooth, beautifully balanced and each of the varieties does exactly what is asked of it.”

