

2007 CHURCH BLOCK

Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot

DAILY TELEGRAPH Jeff Collerson, NOV 08

“This classic McLaren Vale blend was first produced in 1972, with the '07 a mix of cabernet sauvignon, shiraz merlot. It has a loyal following and this is among the best in recent years. It has a lifted berry bouquet with hints of coffee and almonds. In the mouth there is sweet fruit with ripe tannins.

HERALD SUN Paddy Kendler, NOV 08

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Wirra's Church Block red blend of McLaren Vale cabernet, shiraz and merlot has earned a deservedly loyal following since its debut in 1972 and the '07 should only add to its popular status. A genuine middleweight with a rich core of red and black berry fruit flavour, some spicy oak and fine, dry tannins, this is a well structured dry red guaranteed to please tonight....”

THE AGE Jeni Port, DEC 08

“Can't believe this wine is only \$23. Great depth of colour and fruit richness here with characteristic earthy, blackberry notes and plumminess. Note the perfect oak integration; that's good wine making.”

THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH On The Grapevine, John Fordham, JAN 09

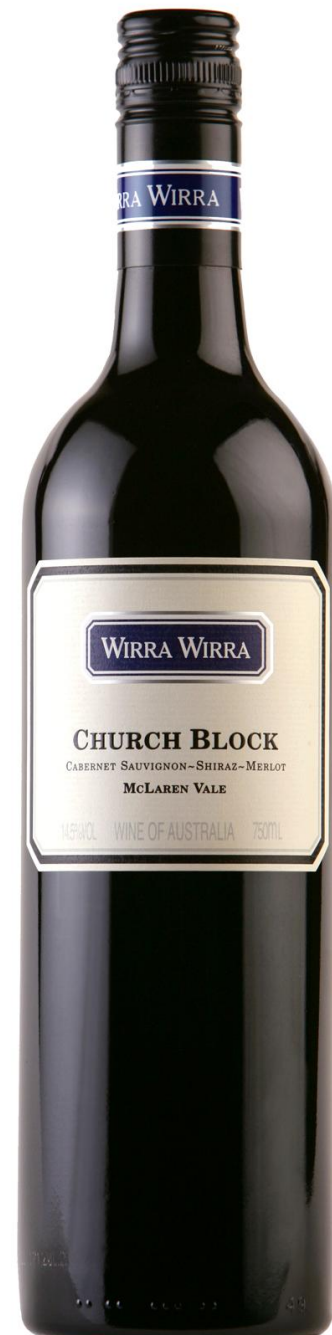
“Right up there with the best-value reds, this rich, super-smooth blend captures the best of McLaren Vale.”

SUNDAY CANBERRA TIMES Top Drops, Chris Shanahan, FEB 09

“.....The vibrant Church Block leans towards leafy and ripe-berry cabernet flavours – the little touch of astringency making good company for roasted and barbecued red meats.”

100 BEST AUSTRALIAN WINES Matthew Jukes, May 09

“It must be so much fun putting Church Block together, and this is clear to see in the glass because none of the varieties (Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot) hog the limelight, preferring to work as a well-drilled team rather than as a prima donna. This camaraderie results in a delicious, seamless blend of spice, briar and woodsmoke all surrounded in a perfect sphere of dark berry fruit.”





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THE BIG RED WINE BOOK 2009 Campbell Mattinson & Gary Walsh FEB 09

“... It’s a pleasant bistro red” ... “ It has nice structure and good weight and, hey, it drinks very nicely, and we’re both in agreement on that – but we’d just like to have a bit more stuffing, especially given the price. Red and blueberries, spring flowers, nuts and mint.”

WINES OF THE WEEK [WWW.JOANNASIMON.COM.UK](http://www.joannasimon.com.uk) Joanna Simon MAY 09

“... If you think that means it must be full-bodied, richly fruity, oaky and high in alcohol, you’re dead right. But wait: there’s more to it. The blueberry fruit has a lovely brightness, the oak gives flavours of coffee and chocolate, but they don’t dominate, the tannins are unobtrusive and there’s a real freshness and cleanness to the finish, which they say is thanks to McLaren Vale’s cooling sea breezes. The blend is cabernet sauvignon (just over half) with shiraz and merlot. And it’s a winner with meat – beef, lamb, pork, liver, kidneys. Wheel it out as soon as you’ve warmed up the barbie.”

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN Great Red Tasting, Ray Jordan, JUN 09

“One of the most successful and popular commercial wines on the market. Combines McLaren Vale cabernet shiraz and merlot into a seamless, fruit and quite juicy, easy drinking fruit bomb.”

SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION 2009

SILVER MEDAL  San Francisco International Wine Comp 2009

THE ADELAIDE ADVERTISER Inner Warmth, Tony Love, MAY 09

“...07 release smart with cabernet elegance, backed up by the softness of shiraz, full of fresh fruits and structurally well built.”

