



2002 Church Block Cabernet-Shiraz-Merlot



The name 'Church Block' refers to one of Greg Trott's original vineyards, which lies next to the small Bethany Church, four kilometres from the township of McLaren Vale. Built in 1894, it is situated at the centre of the McLaren Vale wine district. 'Church Block' is a wood matured dry red, blended consistently to a medium weight. It has a fruit driven style, with a distinct soft tannin finish. The 2002 Church Block is the traditional blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot. The exact percentages of each variety change from year to year to maintain Church Block's consistent style and quality. This release displays all the hallmarks of the very strong 2002 vintage and the well-established 'Church Block' style, in that it is approachable early in life, yet will undoubtedly benefit from further bottle maturation.

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Tasting Notes

Winemakers:	Samantha Connew and Paul Carpenter
Grape Varieties:	46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Shiraz and 22% Merlot
Region:	McLaren Vale
Oak Maturation:	18 months in new and older French and American oak barriques.
Colour:	Brilliant plum/purple with vibrant crimson edges.
Bouquet:	Lifted berry fruit and spice, hints of cedar, mint and cigar box from the Cabernet Sauvignon dominant nose. Richness from the Shiraz and Merlot contributing plum and chocolate notes.
Palate:	A structured, full wine with fine fruit tannins and smooth palate weight. Generous mocha coffee characteristics are apparent from the Shiraz, with the Cabernet contributing a subtle herbal note and tight refined structure, the Merlot evident from the rounded tannins.
General:	The 2002 Church Block has the elegant structure of Cabernet Sauvignon complemented by approachable and soft Merlot fruit, with the depth and warmth of Shiraz, all typical of Church Block.
Technical Notes:	Alc /vol: 14.5% pH: 3.42 TA: 6.6 g/L
Serve:	At room temperature (15°C), with most foods especially pastas, roasted & grilled meat dishes & strong cheeses.