



2003 Church Block Cabernet-Shiraz-Merlot

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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 2003 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 2003 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:	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Shiraz and 15% 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:	The aroma is immediately Cabernet Sauvignon followed a soft middle palate. Dusty tannins balance the middle palate to really show of the Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot blend.
Palate:	White pepper, spicy tannins, blackcurrant, hints of tomato leaf with a great mouthfeel. Warm but with good length. Lingering hints of cocoa and plum.
Technical Notes:	Alc /vol: 14.9% pH: 3.49 TA: 6.2 g/L
Serve:	Rosemary and garlic rack of lamb with kipfler potatoes baked in duck fat.