



## 2005 Church Block

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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, 4 kilometres from the township of McLaren Vale. Built in 1894, it is situated at the centre of the McLaren Vale wine region. '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 2005 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 well-established 'Church Block' style, in that it is approachable early in life, yet will undoubtedly benefit from further bottle maturation.

Winemakers:	Samantha Connew and Alexia Roberts
Grape Variety:	Cabernet Sauvignon 48%, Shiraz 35%, Merlot 17%
Region:	100% McLaren Vale, South Australia
Oak Maturation:	Wine was matured for 15 to 18 months in French and American oak barrels. Approximately 70% of oak used in the final blend was French oak and remaining 30% was American oak. New oak consisted of 15% of final blend.
Colour:	Bright garnet with dense ruby hues.
Bouquet:	The nose is perfumed and lifted with hints of dusty mulberries and Doris plums, married with some cinnamon, mocha and star anise from the oak. It shows the hallmark of a generous Shiraz year with some restraining Cabernet holding the fruit in check.
Palate:	The palate is rich and full with ripe tannins supporting the generous blackberry fruit. The tannins are smooth and plentiful, contributing to a long and satisfying finish.
Technical Notes:	Alc/Vol: 14.9%    pH: 3.47    TA: 6.3g/L 0.8g/L residual sugar
Serve:	Beef carpaccio with herb oil and red onion