



2005 Dead Ringer Cabernet Sauvignon

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Dead Ringer: Colloquial for “resemble exactly”.

As our renowned Angelus bell rang in the 2004 vintage, the international “naming police” targeted Wirra Wirra about the nomenclature of our flagship Cabernet Sauvignon (whose name is shared by the aforementioned bell and an “Old World” chateau). As good law-abiding Bell Ringers we acquiesced when challenged and the wine is now known as the Dead Ringer.

Our ¾ tonne bell was the original “dead ringer”, having been resurrected from an old Adelaide junkyard to its proud place atop our winery tower, so we decided to honour its story with the wine that you have in your glass.

Winemaker: Samantha Connew and Alexia Roberts

Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Region: McLaren Vale 100%

Oak Maturation: Each vineyard batch was matured in oak Separately for 22 months prior to blending. All batches were matured in French oak barriques. Of the final blend, 65% of wine was matured in new barrels.

Colour: Deep violet with a red rim.

Bouquet: A bright nose showing wild black berry fruits, mulberries and rhubarb, supported by dried herbs, namely oregano and rosemary. Oak adds nutmeg, toffee and smoky aromas.

Palate: Wild black berry fruits persist on the palate and are well matched with long and fine tannins and savory oak flavours. This wine is supported by layers of texture and elegance, offering generous fruit weight and length, with lingering toffee and spice.

Cellaring Potential: This wine will cellar well over the next ten to fifteen years.

Technical Notes: Alc/Vol: 14.5% pH: 3.51 TA: 6.6g/L

Serve: Moroccan spiced lamb shanks with preserved lemons, prunes and saffron.