

THE ANGELUS

THE ¾ TONNE ANGELUS BELL THAT SITS PROUDLY ATOP OUR CELLARS IS RUNG TO ANNOUNCE THE START AND FINISH OF EACH VINTAGE AT MCLAREN VALE AND FOR OTHER SUITABLE CELEBRATIONS. FOR GENERATIONS IT RUNG OUT THRICE DAILY FROM JESUIT CHURCH AT NORWOOD, SA AT 6AM, MIDDAY AND 6PM, CALLING THE FAITHFUL TO JOYFUL PRAYER. IN HONOUR OF THAT TRADITION, THE NAME “THE ANGELUS” IS RESERVED FOR ONLY EXCEPTIONAL PARCELS OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON WHICH ARE SELECTED AND VINIFIED AT WIRRA WIRRA.



VINTAGE

2007

REGION

McLaren Vale

SUB REGIONS

McLaren Flat and Seaview

GRAPE VARIETIES

Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)

COLOUR

Deep violet purple.

BOUQUET

Fresh and exceptionally varietal with lifted blackcurrant leaf and cedar notes integrated with some toasty oak.

PALATE

The palate is refined and elegant with plenty of persistent fine grained tannin and fresh mulberries.

DRINK

Upon release and 10 - 15 years from vintage.

FOOD MATCH

Slow cooked Chinese style pork hock with shiitake mushrooms, roasted garlic and Asian greens.

OAK MATURATION

Each vineyard batch was matured in French oak barriques separately for 20 months prior to blending. Of the final blend, 70% of wine was matured in new barrel.

VINIFICATION

The parcels for these wines are picked in small batches reflecting the different vineyard blocks. Cold soaking is commonly used for a 2/3 day period to extract maximum colour without the presence of alcohol. Each ferment is assessed daily once inoculated to determine the cap management program, and is again assessed prior to pressing to attain the optimal tannin balance. After pressing the wine it is transferred directly to an individually chosen barrel selection (depending on the vineyard block) before completing malolactic fermentation. Following MLF and normally every four months thereafter the wines are racked and returned. At the end of this program, the wines are blended and minimally filtered going into bottle.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

pH 3.51 TA 7.06 ALC 13.5%

WINEMAKERS

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