



Shingleback

2005 D-BLOCK RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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JOHN PETRUCCI VINEYARD

At a meeting prior to the 2005 vintage it was clear that the passion and dedication that John Petrucci has for his vineyard matched our own love of the soil and viticultural and winemaking philosophies. We are privileged to be entrusted with a small section of his vineyard that consistently produces low yields of intensely varietal and distinctive Cabernet Sauvignon.

DAVEY FAMILY VINEYARD

The Davey Family Vineyard is located in the Willunga Basin at the southern end of the acclaimed McLaren Vale Wine Region. Brothers Kym and John Davey planted the Davey Family Vineyard on land that the family has owned since 1959. This site is dedicated to producing high quality, intensely coloured and flavoured grapes, using innovative canopy management and progressive viticultural techniques.

VINTAGE NOTE

A cool summer and perfect dry, warm autumn in 2005 will possibly see it be recognised as one of South Australia's greatest vintages. All varieties fully ripened with intense fruit flavours and balanced natural acidity. The reds are vibrant in colour, with mature, textured tannins. The whites and rosés are fragrant and intensely varietal.

WINEMAKING

The soil, climate and Cabernet Sauvignon of the Davey Family and Petrucci vineyards combine to create something special - the fruit that is ultimately hand crafted to become D Block Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. Gentle hand working of the skins in small, 5 tonne open fermenters and traditional winemaking practices protect and nurture the unique qualities of the terroir. Very fine grained French oak hogsheads are used to allow a long, slow maturation of the wine and subtle oak integration. A combination of new and one year old barrels, crafted by select coopers to our requirements, are used to create nuances and diversity of flavour. When maturation and oak integration are perfect, individual barrels are selected and blended to create the fruit power, complexity and harmonious balance that is Shingleback D Block Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.

TASTING NOTE FROM JOHN DAVEY, WINEMAKER

Deep red. Blueberry and violet notes highlight the concentrated blackberry, cassis and couverture chocolate aromas. The promise of the nose explodes on the palate with ripe, dark berries within a framework of textured tannins. A full-bodied, structured Cabernet Sauvignon that expresses the synergy of this noble variety, the terroir and my personal winemaking philosophy.

VINEYARD SOURCE

John Petrucci Vineyard, McLaren Vale
Davey Family Vineyard, McLaren Vale

BOTTLING

Alcohol : 14.6%
TA : 7.1g/L
pH : 3.42

VARIETY

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ACCOLADES

JIMMY WATSON MEMORIAL TROPHY & GOLD MEDAL

2006 Royal Melbourne Wine Show, Class 19

GOLD MEDAL - 2007 Mundus Vini Great International Wine Awards (Germany)

GOLD MEDAL - 2007 Royal Adelaide Wine Show, Class 44



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