



Maxwell

WINES of McLAREN VALE

Maxwell 2003 Ellen Street Shiraz

TASTING NOTE

THE NAME

Picked from three adjacent blocks of low yielding 30 to 50+ year old vines in well-drained soils and alluvial loams over limestone. Situated 1 kilometre north of the McLaren Vale township, the old Shiraz block sits between the Maxwell Winery and what was known as Ellen Street for over 100 years.

THE VINTAGE

A period of weather extremes, the 2003 vintage saw a quick ripening period resulting in a more forward, firmer tannin structure across red varieties. This should result in wines of considerable longevity. The reds in particular show incredible flavour and colour, however are in limited quantities.

THE WINE

Deep, opaque, intense dark-red colours indicate this wine's density and noteworthy power. Savoury aromas of coffee, liquorice and dark chocolate combine with rich prune, and a secondary layer of sweet coconut and pepper. The palate has intense primary characters of stewed dark berries and plums, nutmeg, and dark, pure cocoa. A savoury black pepper finish with a bold, firm tannin structure completes a wine of exceptional cellaring potential.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal composition: Shiraz 100%

Region (GI): McLaren Vale

Alcohol: 14.5% alc./vol.

Total acidity: 5.47 g/L

pH: 3.49

