



Maxwell
of McLAREN VALE

Maxwell 2005 KI Shiraz - Kangaroo Island

TASTING NOTE

THE NAME

The rugged beauty that is Kangaroo Island is found at the foot of the Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia. McLaren Vale, the home of Maxwell Wines, is at the northern end of this peninsula. Locally, the island is referred to as simply "KI", and it is a favourite destination of ours for rest and relaxation.

THE VINEYARD

Approximately 90 kilometres south of the Maxwell Winery, Kangaroo Island is distinguished by a cooler Maritime climate compared to our McLaren Vale vineyards, with the surrounding sea playing a key role in achieving air temperatures that rarely exceed 30°C. There are often strong, cool, fresh breezes coursing through the vineyards. The property is at sea level, and the Shiraz vines are 17 years old. Soils are typically grey-brown clay over limestone, and rainfall is low.

THE WINE

This limited release Shiraz has a distinctive, complex, and aromatic nose with elegant red cherry, vanilla oak, a touch of spice and a faint rose petal perfume. The ample palate is refined and harmonious, pure flavours of mulberry, blackberry, cedar and persistent white pepper. Fine tannins build and lengthen the palate, the wine finishing with delicate spice and oak complexity.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal composition: Shiraz 100%

Region (GI): Kangaroo Island

Alcohol: 14.5% alc./vol.

pH: 3.46

TA: 7.0 g/L

