



2005 Estate Grown Shiraz

Shiraz is the great tradition of McLaren Vale, going back to the 1850s. The first Coriole Shiraz was bottled in 1970. The 2005 wine is from estate grown Shiraz from vines that are either 35 or 15 years old. The oldest Coriole vineyard was planted in 1919 and the wine produced from those vines, the Lloyd Reserve Shiraz, is one of the Langton's Classified Wines of Australia.

Vineyards

Shiraz was planted at Coriole in 1919, the late 60s and the early 1990s. This estate-grown fruit, from soils that are relatively shallow, generally classic terra rosa red brown earth over limestone, becomes Coriole Shiraz. The climate is quite maritime, windy, with cool winters and warm to hot dry summers.

Winemaking Notes

Winemaking at Coriole is very traditional and labour intensive. Fermentation is in open tanks with hand plunging and pump overs. Oak maturation takes place over 1 year using 25-35% new barrels. Oak type has traditionally been American but with a higher proportion of French oak from the 2003 vintage. In good cellars, Coriole Shiraz is renowned for ageing over 10 years. Coriole Shiraz is generally a style that has good concentration and flavour, without excessive alcohol or sweetness.

Vintage

The 2005 summer was exceedingly cool with unseasonal rainfall in February. The ripening continued steadily through autumn until picking in late April. As fine weather continued through the autumn the vintage came to a very quick close.

Tasting Notes

This wine shows subtle aromas of dark fruits and spice. The cooler vintage of 2005 is reflected on the palate, with tight acid and fine grained savoury tannins that combine with dark berries and subtle notes of earthy, peppery characters. Further cellaring will result in a softened mouthfeel and increased integration.

Technical Notes

Bottling Date: 21.11.2006

Sizes: 750ml

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale

Varietal Composition: 100% Shiraz

Alcohol: 14.13% alc/Vol

Total Acidity: 6.39 g/L

pH: 3.54

RS: 2.8 g/L

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