

# Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



## Kangarilla Road 2006 McLaren Vale Shiraz

2006 vintage was a season of challenges with mixed weather conditions. Heavy spring rains in 2005 set the vines up well for the growing season and an early onset of a mild Summer followed. A cooler than normal February led to a bout of warm weather in early March resulting in excellent ripening conditions for our Shiraz.

The wine was fermented in traditional open fermenters with heading board systems and in static open fermenters using gentle cap management techniques. The pressed wine was aged in a combination of 25% new French and American oak complemented with an even mix of 1, 2, 3 and 4 year old oak.

<b>Total Acidity g/1L</b>	6.7
<b>Alcohol %</b>	14.5
<b>pH</b>	3.45
<b>Residual Sugar g/L</b>	0
<b>Bottling Date</b>	February 2008
<b>Winemaker</b>	Kevin O'Brien

The major percentage of this wine is from our McLaren Flat vineyards. These vineyards located at the northern part of the foothills ripen later than other sub-regions resulting in "cooler climate" spicy aromatic dark berry driven wines with intense mid to back palate presence and an abundance of soft velvety tannins. These wines tend to develop best in French oak, however second and third use American oak also provide great depth.

The second component is sourced from both the Blewitt Springs and Seaview areas where soils range from mostly deep sands to red earth on limestone. The resultant wines display spicy bold dark plum characters very important as a nuance to the 2006 wine.

The final component is from a vineyard in the Sellicks sub-region which is very close to the sea. Shiraz ripens early here also with very low yields; the wines have herbaceous characters with firm Cabernet like tannins.

**Aromas of spicy mulberry conserve followed by a smooth mix of earthy black and red berry fruits on the mid and back palate. They all combine beautifully with the abundance of soft tannins.**

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