

Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



2007 Kangarilla Road Black St. Peters McLaren Vale Zinfandel

The 2007 vintage was one of the most difficult for many years with the vines and subsequent yields suffering severely from Australia's worst drought in recent history. Despite these extreme dry conditions the summer of 2007 was quite mild and still managed the typical cool nights so characteristic of McLaren Vale. The conditions were perfect for producing elegance and finesse and perhaps not normally associated with a drought situation.

The Zinfandel was fermented in traditional open fermenters with a heading down board system and employing gentle cap management techniques. The wine was fermented to dryness after which it macerated on skins for a further 8 weeks. The pressed wine was aged in a 1 year old French Barriques for 18 months.

Total Acidity g/L	7.02
Alcohol %	15.5
pH	3.44
Bottling Date	August 2009
Winemaker	Kevin O'Brien

The 2007 McLaren Vale Zinfandel was sourced from our Estate vineyard in the heart of the McLaren Flat district.

This vineyard is located at the northern part of the foothills or Range and ripens later than many of the other sub-regions resulting in "cooler climate" aromatic dark fruit driven wines with intense mid to back palate presence and an abundance of soft velvety tannins.

Black St. Peters is a curious name thought to be given to Zinfandel during the mid 1800's where it was sold out of a nursery on Long Island. It's origins at the time much remained a mystery.

Rich aromas of exotic eastern spices and cinnamon cherries, mulberry and boysenberry.

The palate is full of sweet light macerated dark berry compote flavours with integrated fruit tannins and oak leaving a wonderfully long finish of secondary flavours.

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