



## McLaren Vale Shiraz 2009

Jim Ingoldby established Ingoldby Wines in McLaren Vale in 1973. Since that time Ingoldby Wines have made a succession of award-winning wines in the traditional McLaren Vale style. The region is renowned for producing concentrated, full flavoured fruit, delivering red wines that are approachable in their youth with the ability to improve with time in the cellar.

Individual vineyard parcels were fermented separately in various fermenters. The parcels were pressed off skins once fermentation was completed with selected parcels matured in seasoned oak to bring complexity to the blend, while other components remained in tank to bring freshness and fruit lift. Barbera has a small but important part to play in the blend as this delicate variety augments the soft fruit profile while adding structure & length. Prior to blending, each component was reassessed to ensure that the right balance of lifted fruit and complexity was achieved.

### Winemaker Comments Kelly Healey

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#### Vineyard Region

McLaren Vale, South Australia.

#### Vintage Conditions

McLaren Vale experienced healthy winter rains (equal to average). A relatively dry spring and summer resulted in low disease pressure. Conditions remained dry and mild during Spring through to early January resulting in healthy vines and canopies, despite little rain. Yields were down by as much as 40% on the previous vintage due to reduced bunches, small berry size due to dry spring conditions and heat issues in late January. After the January heat, vintage fell back into a steady pace with significantly milder conditions returning, resulting in a vintage of two distinct halves.

#### Technical Analysis

**Harvest Date** March 2009

**pH** 3.54

**Acidity** 6.7g/L

**Alcohol** 14.0%

**Residual Sugar** 0.2g/L

**Bottling Date** January 2010

**Peak Drinking** Can be enjoyed now but will reward careful cellaring until 2015.

#### Grape Variety

Shiraz, with a small addition of Barbera.

#### Maturation

This wine was matured in a mixture of French and American oak barrels - a third of the barrels were new with the remainder in seasoned oak barrels.

#### Colour

The 2009 Ingoldby Shiraz is deep purple / red.

#### Nose

An enticing nose redolent of dark summer berry compote with a subtle melted chocolate. Subtle oak lets the fruit do the talking and plays a supportive, integrated role.

#### Palate

The palate is rich and round with purple fruits, with dense but supple tannins giving a power and finesse. There is good length with even fruit flavours across the palate. There is attractive oak influence but it's not dominant - a great fruit / oak balance.