



WILLUNGA 100

WILLUNGA 100, GRENACHE 2006

PRODUCER

Willunga 100 is in the McLaren Vale region, south of Adelaide. The wines come from a range of vineyards, including some over 50 years old, which can produce a magnificent array of aromas and flavours. In the 100-year old winery, modern equipment is used alongside traditional winemaking techniques, including open-top fermenters. With over 100 years of winemaking experience, Willunga 100 produces unique and distinctive wines, which capture the essence of the region.

VINEYARD

Sandy soils provide lifted aromatics, and darker soils including 'Terra Rossa' types contribute to rich, bold tannins. All the vineyards are managed to produce the highest quality possible with only the best parcels selected for Willunga 100. McLaren Vale has a warm Mediterranean climate with a strong cooling influence from the Gulf of St Vincent.

VINIFICATION

Grenache was harvested in early April once the fruit had reached the required level of ripeness and flavour. This fruit was harvested by machine at night to ensure preservation of fruit characters. The smaller Shiraz component was picked early March.

A combination of open fermenters and stainless steel pump-over tanks were used. A warm to hot ferment temperature, combined with regular pump-overs and plunging ensured optimum extraction. Timely pressing and only using the best press wine fractions ensured good quality of flavour and tannin. A little Shiraz was included prior to maturation with French oak, to add complexity and mid palate richness. The wine was bottled early, under screwcap, to ensure freshness and longevity.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The 2006 vintage was characterised by lower crops, especially of the red grapes, but excellent quality levels. There was a heatwave in January and a little rain at harvest but the McLaren Vale fruit was particularly good.

TASTING NOTES

Full bright red with purple hue. Intense, dark red fruit and well-integrated cedar and toasty oak. A more intense vintage than the 2005, with darker fruit character and a more weighty structure. A promising early start.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2006
Grape varieties	95% Grenache 5% Shiraz
Region	McLaren Vale
Availability	75cl
Alcohol	14.5% vol
Closure	Stelvin
Winemakers	Nick Haselgrove Warren Randall