



WOLF BLASS®

BLACK LABEL

CABERNET SHIRAZ

2010

A POWERFUL EXPRESSION OF THE WOLF BLASS PHILOSOPHY OF SYNERGISTIC BLENDING, BLACK LABEL IS BUILT ON PERSISTENCE OF FLAVOUR, SEAMLESS TEXTURE AND LONG VELVETY TANNINS. OPULENT YET ELEGANT FRUIT FROM THREE OUTSTANDING REGIONS PROVIDES RICHNESS, DEPTH AND EXCEPTIONAL COMPLEXITY.

The philosophy behind Black Label is simple: to take the year's very best wines and weave them together into a synergistic whole, the resultant wine being greater than the sum of its parts. It's about creating a wine with many layers of flavour in a complex composition of intense fruit characters, magnificent structure, a rich lustrous texture, long velvety tannins and a lingering palate.

Harvested at optimum maturity and flavour, fruit from each vineyard was crushed, de-stemmed and fermented separately for seven to twelve days on skins. The ferments were allowed to warm naturally with plunging and gentle pumping over used to maximise colour and flavour extraction. Mid-ferment cooling extended fermentation, exploiting time on skins and accentuating line and length. The wines were pressed while still retaining a touch of sugar, then transferred to barrel to complete fermentation, allowing a balanced integration of oak characters and enhancing texture and complexity.



WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION *51% Barossa Valley – 32% Langhorne Creek – 17% McLaren Vale*

VINTAGE CONDITIONS *Above average rainfall in winter and spring set the vines up with healthy canopies and allowed the soil to store water. Summer weather came early but the vines were brightened up by a December rain, setting them up well for ripening. No further rain interrupted harvest. Cool nights and moderate temperatures allowed for steady, even ripening and optimum flavour, colour and phenolic development.*

GRAPE VARIETY *51% Cabernet Sauvignon – 49% Shiraz*

MATURATION *22 months in 61% new French oak, 20% one-year-old and 19% new American oak.*

WINE ANALYSIS *Alc/Vol: 15.0%
Acidity: 8.0 g/L
pH: 3.34*

PEAK DRINKING *2015 to 2035 - This wine will develop with age, softening and mellowing to reward many years of careful cellaring.*

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR *Concentrated deep plum.*

NOSE *Rich, complex aromas of dark berries and blackcurrant interspersed with layers of roast coffee beans, bittersweet chocolate, and complex cedary oak accented with gentle hints of Langhorne Creek eucalypt and a touch of cigar-box development.*

PALATE *The palate shows exceptional richness, complexity and balance with spicy dark fruit reminiscent of blackberry, blackcurrant and blood-plum, with integrated, layered oak flavours. At once opulent and elegant, with a persistence of flavour, seamless texture and firm, velvety tannins.*
