



## **Fox Creek Wines - Tasting Notes 2006 Reserve Shiraz**

### **Appearance**

**Intense black plum colour.**

### **Bouquet**

**Lifted complex aromas of redskin, smoke & toast – a superbly complex nose of savoury deli meats & rich berry fruits with vanilla bean, cream brulee & dark spices.**

### **Palate**

**The palate entry is rich thick & structural, leading into the thick juicy mid palate. Seamless. Fresh bloodplum & black cherry fruit flavours. A gobful of power, richness, complexity, texture & length.**

### **Winemaking**

**Sourced from selected premium McLaren Vale vineyards blocks with a range of soil types contributing structural & flavour complexity.**

**Soils include Bay of Biscay soils, grey loam, & red gravels. Harvested when fruit flavours, grape tannins & acids reached maturity. Fermentation on skins was for 10 - 11 days with a major proportion of the wine (90%) completing fermentation in barrel for integration & texture of oak & tannins.**

**Maturation of fruit from each vineyard batch was considered & completed in specialized oak from a range of coopers from France, USA & Australia to produce the most complex & complete batch possible prior to blending. Maturation was for 20 months in both new & used oak barrels.**

**Barrel by barrel selection during all stages of fermentation & barrel maturation to ensure only the best Shiraz barrels were selected for the final blend. Final blend proportions determined purely by quality.**

## **Alcohol**

**14.5% by vol.**

## **Winemakers**

**Chris Dix & Scott Zrna**

## **Viticulture**

**Nick Wiltshire**

## **Ageing Potential**

**Drinking best up to 2015. This wine can be decanted for up to 2 hours prior to consumption. Our Shiraz is an exquisite accompaniment for full flavoured food, but is sufficiently complex & satisfying to be savoured on its own.**

## **Press Reviews**

**“Huge, dense, inky wine packed with flavour - lots of lively fruit, which is hard to see right now sitting underneath all that spicy oak & firm tannins. Young & raw at the moment - but what a future!” 1/2**

***Winestate Magazine, Best Wines of 2008, Jan/Feb 2009***

**“Decadent wine & fully satisfying” 94pts  
*The Big Red Wine Book 2010, Campbell Mattinson & Gary Walsh***

## **Awards**

- Award for Best Australian Wine, Japan Wine Challenge 2009**
- Blue Gold Medal/Top 100, Sydney International Wine Competition 2010**
- Gold Medal, Japan Wine Challenge 2009**
- Gold Medal (Best in Class), International Wine & Spirit Competition 2009**

- **Gold Medal, Decanter World Wine Awards 2009**
- **Gold Medal, International Wine Challenge 2009**
- **Gold Medal, McLaren Vale Wine Show 2009**
- **Silver Medal, International Wine Challenge 2008**
- **Silver Medal, International Wine & Spirit Competition 2008**
- **Silver Medal, Wine & Spirits Asia Challenge 2008**
- **Silver Medal, Visy Great Australian Shiraz Challenge 2009**
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- **Silver Medal, Sydney Royal Wine Show 2008**
- **Silver Medal, Cairns Show Wine Awards 2009**