



Tasting Notes

Vixen

**NV Sparkling Shiraz - Cabernet
Sauvignon – Cabernet Franc**

Appearance

Vibrant plum with fine sparkling bead.

Bouquet

**Lifted black cherry, dark chocolate,
musk & mocha.**

Palate

**A powerful wine rich & soft in texture.
The silky palate oozes sweet mixed
berry conserve, 'rum and raisin', white
chocolate & spicy vanillin oak finished
with a balanced explosion of spice,
crisp acid & soft elegant tannin length.**

Ageing

Best consumed within two years from bottling.

Winemaking

A blend of selected components from various vintages, blended to achieve our classic Vixen style, it is made from 77% Shiraz, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Cabernet Franc. The bead on the wine is fine and persistent, indicative of its high quality.

Viticulture

Nick Wiltshire

Winemakers

Scott Zrna

Alc. /Vol.

13.5%

pH

3.54

T.A

6.3 g/L

Press Reviews

“Purple foam, deep ruby colour - sparkling shiraz! It shows ripe plum, bitter chocolate and floral aromas ...the fruit flavour is good and not unduly propped up by sweetness...”

4 Glasses. 92 Rating. Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2007

“McLaren Vale wine is well suited to making sparkling reds and Vixen, which is made from shiraz and cabernet, is a good example. It shows plummy fruit, spice and rich, chocolatey notes, well-controlled sweetness , good concentration and solid tannin structure.”

4 stars. Uncorked Wine Guide, June 2007

“A McLaren Vale blockbuster made predominantly from shiraz. It’s full of fruit, spice and dark fruits; a bit like tucking into a slice of black forest gâteau.”

Qantas, The Australian Way, February

2009

Awards

- **Blue Gold Medal, Sydney International Wine Show 2009**
- **Gold Medal, McLaren Vale Wine Show 2006**
- **Bronze Medal, San Francisco International Wine Competition 2009**
- **Bronze Medal, Sydney Royal Wine Show 2008**
- **Seal of Approval, Japan Wine Challenge 2008**