



Rosemount



Balmoral Syrah 1999

This outstanding McLaren Vale Syrah was named Balmoral after the Oatley family homestead, built in 1852. Sourcing the best quality fruit from 50-100 year old McLaren Vale vineyards, the wine was first produced in 1989 and in 1992 it was named Balmoral.

Balmoral is a highly stylised wine, reflecting old vine South Australian Syrah. Its velvety palate structure and rich expressive fruit has made it an extremely sought after wine in previous years and each vintage continues to build on its reputation.

Vineyard Region

McLaren Vale

Vintage Conditions

McLaren Vale endured its hottest January since 1910 and sub-soil water levels receded dramatically. As always, the older vines were able to withstand these challenges due to the depth of their roots. Rain in March meant some fruit was picked early however the older vines were not picked until late April by which time the weather had improved resulting in grapes with excellent flavour and finesse.

Grape Variety

Shiraz (Syrah)

Maturation

A small proportion of the wine was run off skins to finish fermentation in barrel whilst the balance received an extended post fermentation maceration to fully extract ripe tannins. It was racked off skins and matured for 2 years in American oak.

Winemaker Comments: Charles Whish



Colour

1999 Balmoral has an intense ruby colour and stains the glass when poured.



Nose

The aroma shows distinct spice and plummy fruit underpinned by extremely well integrated American oak flavours which add complexity and immediate appeal.



Palate

Richly textured and intensely flavoured, reminiscent of plums and other red stone fruit set against a richly spiced back-palate. This is balanced by fine-grained, velvety ripe tannins interwoven with a fine thread of acidity.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

Last Tasted

16 Oct 2001

Peak Drinking

Now - 2012

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Beef

