



Longwood The Shearer Shiraz 2006

Suggested Retail: \$17.99

Wine Maker: Phil Christiansen

Appellation: McLaren Vale

Varietal: Shiraz

Yields per Acre: 2-3 Tons / acre

Cases Produced: 1,300

Filtration and fining: Nil

Wood treatment: 3 and 4 year French and American Hogs Heads

Length of barrel maturation: 9 months

Alcohol %: 15.6%

Total Acid: 6.7

Free/Total Sulfur: 27F 77T

pH: 3.55

Residual Sugar: 0.5 g/l



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Viticultural Practices: Fruit was sourced from 2 vineyards. Both were on light loam soil over thick limestone. Vines ages were 8 year old and 4 year old. Both vineyards were machine picked in the cool of the night. Both vineyards are on minimal irrigation. The 2005 vintage was typical of the area. Warm to hot in Jan and Feb with mild night temps. All wines are fermented in 2 and 3 ton open fermenters, hand plunged 3 times daily and basket pressed. Wine is pressed directly to barrel where it spends its life prior to bottling.

Wine Makers Notes: The Longwood philosophy of winemaking has always been based around creating wines that are fruit dominant. That is to say the structural quality of the wines ie tannin and acid are as natural as possible (no added tannin) and are complimentary to the generous fruit weight in the glass. The Shearer is no exception to the rule. The colour is rich magenta to Spartan red. The nose is of raspberries and boysenberries. There are underlying notes of licorice which become more pronounced the longer the wine is open. Fruit dominates the front of the palate. There's a great relationship between aromatics and flavours that are experienced on the palate. The flavours are a mix of ripe boysenberry, fresh raspberry/strawberry and red fruits. It has typical McLaren Vale mid palate fullness. The flavors are nicely conveyed across the palate from front to back by fine silky tannins. Acidity keeps brightness and freshness through the palate and gives definition of flavor. In our experience this wine will benefit, as well as it's consumer from decanting prior to serving. Once opened the wine will evolve over a 2-3 day period in the bottle or decanter. It will cellar comfortably for 5 years.

Scores: 90 pts Stephen Tanzer International Wine Cellar 2007 - Inky purple. Powerful, expansive bouquet shows a range of dark fruit and floral aromas along with suave oak spice. Covers the palate with black and blue fruit flavors and an exotic suggestion of violet pastille. Supple tannins build on the long, creamy finish. An outstanding value.
