

MCPHERSON

A MODERN AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE

2008 MCPHERSON SHIRAZ

With a focus on traditional winemaking craftwork and state-of-the-art technology, the McPherson wines are designed to be easy-drinking, fruit driven styles with generous mouth-filling flavours. For almost 40 years the McPherson family have been committed to producing high quality wines at an affordable price.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Region	South Eastern Australia
Varietal	100% Shiraz
Alcohol	14.5%
Best Consumed	2009 - 2011

WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

The grapes for this Shiraz were picked and crushed during the cool of night, thus ensuring the retention of varietal character, while modern winemaking techniques were employed throughout, all of which help to create the signature McPherson style. Fermentation took place in sweeping arm red fermenters, giving the wine a denser, richer colour and allowing for gentle flavour extraction. Softer tannins are also a result of this process, an important feature of the McPherson Shiraz style. Careful attention was also paid to the oak selection for the Shiraz. This wine was aged on American oak for approximately 8 months, giving the wine a noticeable, but not an excessive oak influence. The inclusion of some central Victorian fruit into the blend has boosted both the colour and the intensity of flavour.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2008 growing season started with an extreme heat wave which saw fruit ripen at a surprisingly fast rate. With a lack of good rainfall, harvesting began earlier than usual, however good bunch weights, small berries complimented by high sugar levels produced ripe, rich and intense flavours in the berries.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep purple in colour, with an intense aroma of dark fruits and spice, the 2008 McPherson Shiraz expresses true varietal character. With subtly integrated American Oak balanced with ripe plums and blackberries, this wine has excellent structure and length. Secondary aromas of chocolate and spice add intrigue and complexity to the wine with soft tannins creating a supple and smooth wine with impressive length.

FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

Try this wine with a hearty barbecued steak, or a rich, spicy tomato based pasta dish such as Spaghetti Bolognese or Lasagne.

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