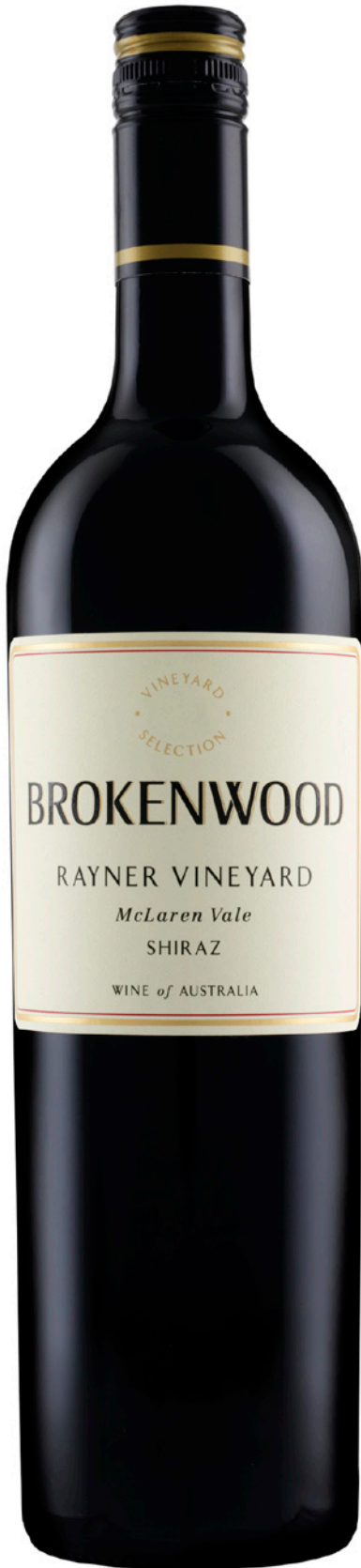


# BROKENWOOD

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## 2006 Brokenwood Rayner Vineyard Shiraz

**Variety:** Shiraz  
**Region:** McLaren Vale – SA

### Winemakers Comments:

The 1999 vintage of this wine was awarded the Best Red of Show and Best Rhône Red Shiraz/Grenache at the 2001 London International Wine Challenge. The judging, initiated by UK WINE Magazine in 1983, has grown to the extent where in 2001 just on 10,000 wines were judge by over 500 judges.

A high quality vintage due to heavy spring rain giving lush canopies and sufficient soil moisture. A mild early start to summer but then the hot weather hit. The vines coped well and good sugar levels were reached. All up the total McLaren Vale crush finished just under that of 2005 at 63,000t.

The old shiraz vines on the Rayner Vineyard are not irrigated and because of their deep and extensive root system into the clay below the sand, generally withstand the toughest of years.

### Vinification:

Machine harvested, crushed and chilled to tanker in McLaren Vale. Vinomatic fermentation in the Hunter. Not overly rotated, as soft tannins are required. Oak maturation 80% American and 20% French. The latter mostly new and one year old.

### Tasting Notes:

Consistency best sums up this special vineyard and the 2006 wine is our 14th release. The initial feature is the dense black/dark red cherry colour.

Maturation was in predominantly American oak (coopered in the Napa Valley) and the distinctive vanillin lift compliments the ripe dark berry and mocha chocolate aromas of McLaren Vale Shiraz. A full bodied mouthfeel. Good viscosity and long flavours of plum, vanillin and charr notes. An excellent finish and although these wines can be consumed in their youth, they do develop into rich, chocolate/earth McLaren Vale mature reds. The palate has strong 'turkish delight' characters balanced by subtle oak and grape tannins.

### Food:

Beef fillet and osso bucco

### Technical Data:

Alcohol	14.5%
pH	3.40
Acidity	6.15 g/L
Residual Sugar	Nil

**Availability:** 750 mL  
**RRP:** \$69.00

*Our wines are now sealed with screw cap to guarantee quality and consistency.*