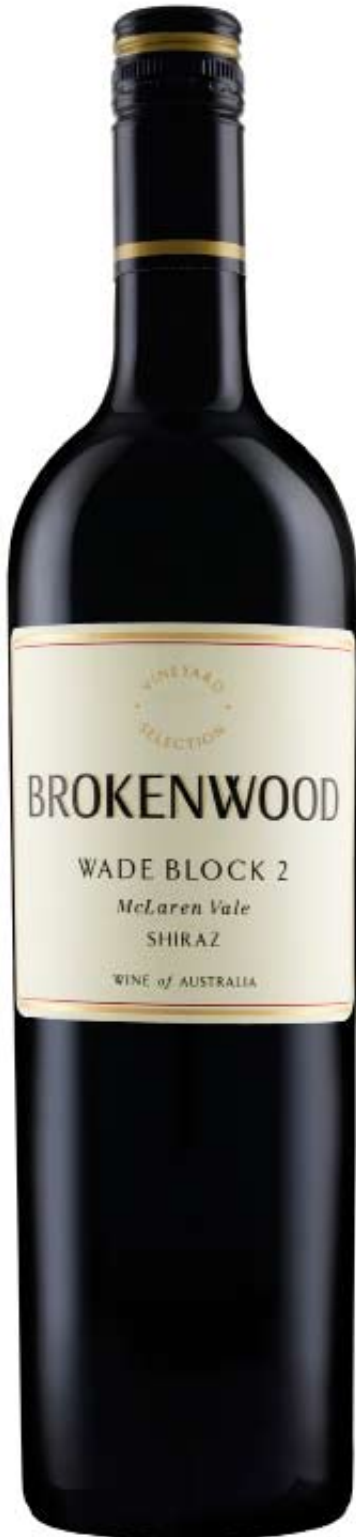


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AUSTRALIAN CRAFT AT ITS FINEST



2008 Brokenwood Wade Block 2 Vineyard Shiraz

Variety: Shiraz (old clone)
Region: McLaren Vale - SA

Winemakers Comments:

The seventh bottling of the Wade Block 2 from McLaren Flat. Grown in deep sand, this is an amazing vineyard in that it is approximately ten years old, but planted with cuttings sourced from a very old local vineyard and own roots. Again, very distinctive and complex, and more than qualifies for the 'Single Vineyard' label.

McLaren Vale is one region that is noticing a change in climate with shorter vintages and earlier harvest dates. The area had excellent winter rainfall giving rise to an even budburst and then plenty of foliage. This was needed to combat the extreme heat that hit in early January. Then followed a period of cooler weather and most whites and some of the reds were picked before the next heat wave in early March. A challenge for growers but the good ones, and definitely including Derek Wade here, managed the water/heat and turned out some superb red grapes.

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 1 year old.

Tasting Notes:

Deep purple/red and probably mid density in colour. Savoury briar notes with a touch of pepper as well along with the lush, McLaren Vale blackberry jube fruit. Integrated vanillin oak lift. Seamless palate combining ripe tannins, dark berry/chocolate Shiraz fruit and perfect oak. Some 'Turkish Delight' sweet fruit at the start and this carries to an almost spicy after palate. The alcohol is in balance. A classic McLaren vale Shiraz.

Food:

Beef.

Technical Data:

Alcohol	14.6%
pH	3.42
Acidity	6.21g/L
Residual Sugar	nil
Availability:	750ml
RRP:	A\$48.00

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