



Maxwell

WINES of McLAREN VALE

Maxwell 2003 Cabernet Merlot

TASTING NOTE

THE VINTAGE

A period of weather extremes, the 2003 vintage saw a quick ripening period resulting in a more forward, firmer tannin structure across red varieties. This should result in wines of considerable longevity. The reds in particular show incredible flavour and colour, however are in limited quantities.

THE WINE

A soft red wine designed for early drinking, it is distinguished by Cabernet aromas of mint, snow pea, green capsicum and red currant. The palate shows the influence of Merlot - ripe plum combining with earthy characters of peat and black olive. Mint chocolate, currants and blackberries compliment these savoury notes. Soft tannins round out a full yet gentle finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal composition: Cabernet Sauvignon 80%, Merlot 20%.

Region (GI): McLaren Vale

Alcohol: 14.5% alc./vol.

Total acidity: 6.2 g/L

pH: 3.55

