



Maxwell

WINES of McLAREN VALE

Maxwell 2004 First Colony Kangaroo Island Shiraz

TASTING NOTE

THE NAME

Settlement of Australia's first free colony began in 1836, when on July 27th, the barque Duke of York anchored in Nepean Bay, Kangaroo Island. Now known as Reeves Point, this is the first formal settlement in South Australia. Challenged by a shortage of water and building timber, this formal settlement was to last less than four years. In fact, the colony of South Australia was proclaimed six months later on the mainland at Holdfast Bay on December 28th, 1836.

THE VINEYARD

Approximately 90 kilometres south of the Maxwell Winery, Kangaroo Island is distinguished by a cooler Maritime climate compared to our McLaren Vale vineyards, with the surrounding sea playing a key role in achieving air temperatures that rarely exceed 30°C. There are often strong, cool, fresh breezes coursing through the vineyards. The property is at sea level, and the Shiraz vines are 11 years old. Soils are typically grey-brown clay over limestone, and rainfall is low.

THE WINE

This limited release Shiraz has a distinctive, complex, and aromatic nose with elegant red cherry, brooding dark chocolate, a touch of spice and tea leaf, combined with a faint perfumed lavender. The ample palate is refined and harmonious, pure flavours of mulberry mix with tinned tobacco, cedar, blackberry, and persistent white pepper. Lingering fine tannins and subtle acid contribute to a lengthy finish, highlighting the warm afterglow of this wine.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal composition: Shiraz 100%

Region (GI): Kangaroo Island

Alcohol: 14.5% alc./vol.

pH: 3.45

TA: 6.5 g/L

