



Maxwell

WINES of McLAREN VALE

Maxwell 2004 Four Roads Shiraz

TASTING NOTE

THE NAME

"Four Roads" refers to the Maxwell Winery and Vineyards being situated in the heart of McLaren Vale wine country at the intersection of four roads, namely Olivers Road, Chalk Hill Road, Brewery Hill Road (now Field St), and the old Ellen Street.

THE VINTAGE

Good winter and spring rainfalls in 2003 promoted even budburst and enabled healthy canopy development. Subsequent warm, dry conditions resulted in excellent flowering, berry-set and veraison. Perfect autumn weather contributed to a longer than usual vintage, and saw grapes arrive at the winery in ideal condition, showing maximised fruit flavours, with excellent sugar and acid levels.

THE WINE

A most interesting wine that is both mouth filling and soft. A brilliant crimson-purple colour in its youth, this wine has a rich and enticing aroma reminiscent of ripe blueberries served with French toast. The palate begins with sweet apricot, then red cherry, surrounded by soft, silky tannins. The majority shiraz component provides richness to the wine, while viognier promotes this silky smooth mid-palate that is highlighted by the spiced cherry character of grenache. The long, lingering finish brings a harmony of mulberry, liquorice allsorts, and savoury spice. A versatile wine that will compliment many different foods.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal composition: Shiraz 85%, Grenache 10%, Viognier 5%

Region (GI): McLaren Vale

Alcohol: 14.5% alc./vol.

Total acidity:

pH:

