



Maxwell

WINES of McLAREN VALE

Maxwell 2003 Lime Cave Cabernet

TASTING NOTE

THE NAME

The grapes for this wine are mainly from estate vines, in particular from a Cabernet clone identified as the "Reynella Selection". Our vines, planted in 1972, originate from those brought into South Australia by John Reynell over 100 years ago. The wine takes its name from a man-made cave, dug in 1916, that is found below these vines tunnelled into limestone on the southern slope of our vineyard.

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

It is a deep red-black in colour with a bright crimson hue. Varietal notes of blackcurrant and tobacco leaf combine to produce a rich aroma. The pure Cabernet palate is quite masculine in character, where dark chocolate and liquorice join a veritable forest of dark fruits and berries. Beautifully integrated spiced oak adds further structure and finesse, the wine finishing with incredible length.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal composition: Cabernet Sauvignon 100%.

Region (GI): McLaren Vale

Alcohol: 14.5% alc./vol.

Total acidity: 5.9 g/L

pH: 3.51

