



DOWIE DOOLE

2007 Second Nature Cabernet Shiraz Merlot



Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Merlot

Region: McLaren Vale

Vintage conditions: The 2007 vintage was another high-quality, low-yielding year. There was a brief hot spell in January with good rains to the agricultural areas of South Australia in late January, which coincided with veraison and freshened up the vine canopy to assist with fruit ripening. February was recorded as the hottest in 100 years. The vintage began three to four weeks earlier than normal, remaining dry and mild, allowing for good fruit maturity

Technical information: The fruit was harvested, crushed, fermented and aged separately in older American and French oak before final assessment and blending in July 2008.

Alcohol 14.0%; Total Acid 6.72 g/L; pH 3.53; Residual Sugar 2.2 g/L

Tasting Notes: Rich, dark purple with purple hue. The wine shows lovely ripe, dark fruit characters and spicy, nutmeg oak. The palate is full, flavoursome, redolent of dark chocolate, black fruits and christmas cake. The tannins are fine, long and soft, making for ideal early drinking or short term (3-5 years) maturation.

Winemaker: Brian Light