

# Vixen

NV Sparkling Shiraz - Cabernet Sauvignon - Cabernet Franc



## Appearance

Vibrant plum with fine sparkling bead.

## Bouquet

Lifted black cherry, dark chocolate, musk & mocha.

## Palate

A powerful wine rich and soft in texture. The silky palate oozes sweet mixed berry conserve, 'rum and raisin', white chocolate and spicy vanillin oak finished with a balanced explosion of spice, crisp acid and soft elegant tannin length.

## Winemaking

A blend of selected components from various vintages, blended to achieve our classic Vixen style, it is made from 70% Shiraz, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon and 12% Cabernet Franc. The bead on the wine is fine and persistent, indicative of its high quality.

## pH

3.32

## T.A.

7.2 g/L

## Alc.

14% by vol.

## Ageing Potential

Best consumed within two years from bottling.

## Viticulture

Nick Wiltshire

## Winemakers

Scott Zrna

## Press Reviews

"McLaren Vale wine is well suited to making sparkling reds and Vixen, which is made from shiraz and cabernet, is a good example. It shows plummy fruit, spice and rich, chocolatey notes, well-controlled sweetness, good concentration and solid tannin structure." 4 stars. *Uncorked Wine Guide, June 2007*

"A McLaren Vale blockbuster made predominantly from shiraz. It's full of fruit, spice and dark fruits; a bit like tucking into a slice of black forest gâteau." *Qantas, The Australian Way, February 2009*

"Vixen, made from McLaren Vale Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cab Franc, is deep, purplish and foaming, with a sweet blackberry, blackcurrant, liquorice and savoury, regional earthy characters. It's complex, velvet-smooth and mouth-filling with soft, easy tannins. 4.5 stars." *Ralph Kyte Powell, Epicure, The Age, December 2010*

## Awards

Blue Gold Medal, Sydney International Wine Competition 2010  
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 Silver Medal, International Wine Challenge Catavinum 201  
 Silver Medal, AWC Vienna International Wine Challenge 2010  
 Highly Commended, Sydney International Wine Competition 2011  
 Bronze Medal, International Wine & Spirit Competition 2010 (UK)  
 Bronze Medal, San Francisco International Wine Competition 2010  
 Bronze Medal, Japan Wine Challenge 2010  
 4½ stars, Equal Top in Category, Winestate Magazine July/August 2010

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