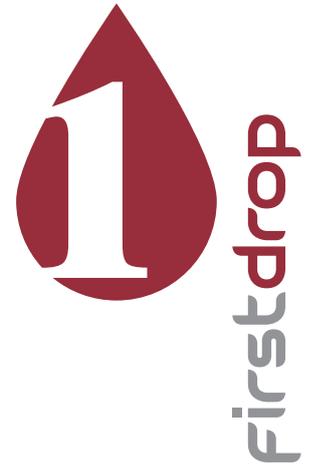


MOTHER'S RUIN

2007 McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon



Grab

An ode to the 'luncheon claret' – pass the decanter!

Spiel

This restrained, well balanced expression of McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon is an ode to the 'luncheon claret', but it's not as green and austere as that favourite lunchtime libation at the gentleman's club. Early picked fruit from a vineyard with good breeding in the Willunga foothills results in an elegant, varietal style, that has classic First Drop drinkability.

Colour

Dark purple

Bouquet

Forest floor fruit with a hint of green bean and tea leaf

Palate

Vibrant forest floor fruit flavours with hints of green bean and herbs balanced with an elegant core of tannins and a textured finish

Grub Match

Marrow on toast, roasted quail or partridge

Cellaring

Drink up, but also a 5-8 year proposition

Vintage

07 season was very dry with winter-spring rainfall 60% below average. Whilst early season irrigation requirements were significantly increased due to the low rainfall, the lower yields and early vintage helped reduce overall season demands. As a result of warm conditions and low yields, vintage started and finished three weeks earlier than normal, producing wines of great concentration, and we were able to overindulge at the week long Barossa Vintage Festival for the first time in years. Hic!

Vineyard

Joch's vineyard is in the Willunga foothills in the south of the McLaren Vale - 130m above sea level on deep alluvial stony clay loam.

Vinification

The fruit is crushed/destemmed and fermented at temperatures ranging from 20-25°C for 6 days on skins. The ferment is managed by a variety of techniques, including 'aerative pump overs' and 'drain and returns' which assist in extracting colour, flavour and tannin from the grapes. At the end of fermentation, it is drained/pressed, and transferred to 3 and 4 year old French oak hogsheads to undergo MLF. Post MLF, sulphur dioxide is added, and the wines mature sur lie for 15 months. This wine was bottled in July 2008.

