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2009 McLAREN VALE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

- Alc/Vol:** 14.5%
- Colour:** A dark centre with vibrant purple hues.
- Bouquet:** Blueberry and violet notes highlight the concentrated blackberry, cassis and dark chocolate nose.
- Palate:** The promise of the nose explodes on the palate with ripe, dark berries within a framework of textured tannins. A full bodied, structured Cabernet Sauvignon that expresses the synergy of this noble variety, and the traditional winemaking.
- Winemaking:** Sourced from a single vineyard site in the McLaren Vale ranges on what they call the golden miles which I think the best fruit comes from. Soils are red and have a high ironstone content, they are also quite bony (stony) so crop levels are low and fruit intensity is awesome! The fruit was picked over a week period prior to the heat wave in McLaren Vale which gives each individually batch some distinction although it was all from the same vineyard. Close attention was paid to sugar and acid levels to ensure perfect flavour development on the vine. Due to the heat yields were again very low but the fruit concentration was something of beauty. This wine is a testament to the grower and our relationship in managing to produce such an amazing wine in such a tough year for Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine was hand crafted in small open top fermenters and had extended time on skins when fermenting to add further complexity and fruit characters. Ferments were relatively cold and were pumped over by hand twice daily. A small portion of the wine was fermented in barrel to add some oak complexity early on. The wine was then matured in a mixture of seasoned French and new American oak for 18 months prior to final blends being done and bottling.
- Cellaring:** A wine which has been designed to stand the test of time and if cellared well will last for around 10 -15 or so years.

