



Metala Shiraz Cabernet 2005

Since the original plantings in 1891 the Metala vineyards have produced wines of character and distinction, including the inaugural Jimmy Watson Trophy winner in 1962.

The 2005 Metala Shiraz Cabernet is deep red with vivid purple hues. The 2005 vintage produced a concentrated wine with notes of blackberries, blackcurrant and white pepper. The full bodied palate is rich with velvety tannins and subtle oak hints that bring length of flavour and structure to the fruit driven palate.

Winemaker: Nigel Dolan

Viticulture: Good winter and spring rains in Langhorne Creek led into milder conditions at flowering and set, followed by some heat during December. January on, was mild and even, ideal conditions for producing concentrated full flavoured fruit.

Vinification: After harvesting each parcel of fruit picked from individual blocks was fermented separately in a range of fermentation vessels. After fermentation the wines were pressed off the skins, racked and then transferred to oak for maturation. Individual components were assessed prior to blending to ensure consistency of style and quality.

Suggested food: Slow roasted lamb shanks with glazed root vegetables.

Cellaring: Will continue to reward over the next 5-8 years

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date: February-March 2005

pH: 3.65

Acidity: 6.8 g/L

Alcohol: 14.7%

Residual Sugar: .34 g/L

Bottling Date: July 2006

