



2006 Mollydooker Shiraz The Velvet Glove

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RATING: 99 points

PRODUCER: Mollydooker 


FROM: McLaren Vale, South
Australia, Australia,

VARIETY: Syrah

DRINK: 2007 - 2040

ESTIMATED COST: \$200-\$300

SOURCE: WA, #173
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The 2006 Shiraz "The Velvet Glove" has an awesome nose bordering on ethereal. Aromas of smoke, violets, grilled meat, game, saddle leather, blueberry and chocolate leap from the glass. This full-bodied wine is packed and dense, layered with ripe black fruits, has superb delineation, great focus, and a super-long finish. It is still tightly wound and will benefit from a decade in the cellar. This hedonistic behemoth will drink well through 2040. Mollydooker (the Australian equivalent of "Southpaw"—both Sparky and Sarah Marquis are left-handed) is the label of the renowned winemaking team of Sparky and Sarah Marquis. This is their second vintage following the schism with The Grateful Palate and the end of their involvement in the hugely successful Marquis Philips project. Total case production is 72,000, down from the 120,000 cases produced under the Marquis Philips label. They have also set up their own importing company in the United States. Mollydooker has been divided into four tiers beginning with "The Lefty Series". These five wines are line-priced at \$20. Next up the ladder is "The Party Series" priced at \$50 a bottle, followed by two wines comprising "The Love Series" priced at \$80. At the top of the pyramid is one wine, "The Velvet Glove" Shiraz priced at \$175. Importer: Mollydooker International, www.mollydookerwines.com.au