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Mollydooker Shiraz McLaren Vale Carnival of Love 2007

95 points / \$90
2,596 cases made
Australia

Carnival of Love is one of the few great Aussie Shirazes priced less than \$100. Mollydooker owners Sarah and Sparky Marquis buy the grapes from the Gateway Vineyard, a property planted in 2000. They aim for 4 tons per acre from the site, but severe drought in 2007 reduced yields by nearly half. The wine finished primary fermentation in barrel to better integrate the flavors and tannins of the 100 percent new American oak.

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