



2009 Carnival of Love Shiraz



About This Wine

We blend special parcels of Shiraz to produce an amazingly beautiful wine with layers of rich, voluptuous fruit and the purity that comes from great McLaren Vale grapes. Our whole family is involved in making our wines, and all the wonderful people who drink them become our friends, so we named this wine Carnival of Love, because the wines bring us together.

If you look closely you will notice that the Lefty characters are all included in the label and when you join the Carnival of Love and the Enchanted Path together, the two labels form one beautiful continuous love story.

The grapes were grown on the Gateway vineyard in McLaren Vale.

Barrel fermented and matured in 97% new and 3% one year old American oak.

Alc: 16% Residual sugar: 3.8g/L pH: 3.63

Marquis Fruit Weight (your guarantee of quality)
90%

Reviews

Wine Spectator

'Dense and chewy, but after an initial hit this backs off to let the gorgeous smoke-tinged black cherry, mulberry, dried tomato and tomato leaf flavors emerge at an almost leisurely pace. There's a sense of refinement underneath the raw power, and the expressive finish holds on. Drink now through 2018.'
— 94 points & 'Hot Wine', Harvey Steiman, www.winespectator.com

Wine Advocate

'The 2009 Carnival of Love is 100% Shiraz coming from a single vineyard of 9 year old vines and matured in 97% new and 3% one year American oak. Very deep garnet-purple colored, it gives intense creme de cassis, vanilla, spice, mocha and licorice notes. Crisp and firmly structured with a high level of grainy tannins, this is a full-bodied, powerful Shiraz with a great deal of ripe dense fruit giving very good persistence...' — 93 points, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, www.erobertparker.com

Nick's Wine Merchants

'A stunning super saturated black purple colour with a black heart and very deep black purple hue displaying excellent glass cling. Perfumed aromas of ripe blackberry, violets, liquorice, black plums and confectionary followed by a touch of spice – a superb aromatic profile. The palate is an explosive liquid concentrate of flavour with blackberry, liquorice, dark plum, spice and confectionary completely swamping the palate followed by some blackpepper and spice characteristics on the back palate. Voluptuous texture displaying superb depth and a velvet like tannin structure. Exceptionally long aftertaste of ripe blackberry, liquorice, spice and confectionary. Stunning stuff displaying exceptional 'fruit weight'.' — 98 points, Nicks Wine Merchants, www.nicks.com.au

Past vintages

2007 Carnival of Love - WA 96 pts; WS 95 pts and '9 th Top Wine in the World'
WS 'Highly recommended' and 'Editor's Most Exciting New Wines'

2006 Carnival of Love - WS 95 pts and '8 th Top Wine in the World'; WA 97 pts

2005 Carnival of Love - WA 99 pts; WS 94