

# Gemtree

VINEYARDS



McLAREN VALE

## 2001 PARAGON RESERVE SHIRAZ

This is the first release of a Reserve Shiraz under the Gemtree label. This wine has been released due to an outstanding vintage in 2001 and the exceptional fruit quality sourced from the Tatachilla Road vineyard.

The Buttery family is fortunate to be able to hand select some of the best parcels of fruit from their 300 acres of vineyards in McLaren Vale. This wine is sourced from the 35-year-old Tatachilla Road vineyard situated approximately 10 kilometers from the coast. Cooling afternoon sea breezes, minimal irrigation, and a fertile red brown earth over limestone results in low-yielding vines that produce, intense, concentrated fruit. Winemaker Mike Brown and Viticulturist Melissa Brown work closely together in fruit selection and vineyard management to ensure quality and consistency.

Open fermentation for 12 days and direct pressing into new French oak barriques for 28 months has resulted in Gemtree's finest Shiraz. Minimal fining and filtration have again been Mike's maxims for the Reserve and with an extra 6 months in oak the resultant wine exhibits class and finesse.

Winemaker Mike Brown has hand selected the best barrels from our entire 2001 vintage and the result is our first Reserve Shiraz. It will only be made in years of exceptional quality.

**Colour:** Dark crimson/purple with black hues.

**Nose:** Concentrated currants and dense black fruits of the forest. Savory, spicy oak with mocha/chocolate aromas.

**Palate:** Highly integrated up-front berry fruit, excellent depth with integration of a wine twice its age. Full mouth coating and luscious.

**Cellaring Potential:** 15-25 years

**Production:** 250 Dozen

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