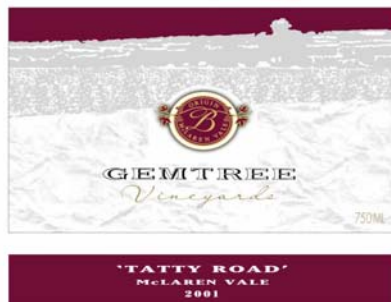




GEMTREE
Vineyards

McLaren Vale Tasting Notes

2001 Tatty Road
Suggested Retail \$19.99



pH: 3.49
TA g/L: 6.0
VA g/L: 0.6
FSO2: 25
TSO2: 72
Malic g/L: 0.01
Alcohol: 14.0%

The Estate

The Gemtree Vineyards brand was launched in 1998 and is the logical extension for the Buttery family's involvement in viticulture & winemaking over the last 30 years.

Paul and Jill Buttery purchased their first vineyard on Tatchilla Road, McLaren Vale in 1980, following many years in the liquor retailing business and in 1991 they acquired a 140 acre property, Gemtree, in McLaren Flat.

Family plantings now total some 330 acres and this is recognised as one of the largest private holdings in McLaren Vale.

Vineyards:

The Cabernet comes off the Tatchilla Road vineyard that lies relatively close to St. Vincent's Gulf. The coastal climatic conditions, combined with an ideal soil type, produces hallmark Cabernet Sauvignon. Both the Merlot and Petit Verdot are from the Gemtree home vineyard, where the cooler climate characteristics enhance the structure of both these varieties.

Vinification:

The wine is made from 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot and 12% Petit Verdot. Fermented in open fermenters and aged in French and American oak, these three varieties are used to produce a wine that is Bordelaise in character.

Total Production: 1300 cases

Tasting Notes:

Ripe red berry fruits with hints of chocolate characters and the palate displays length of flavour and fine tannin integration.

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