

# VELVET GLOVE SHIRAZ



## 2012 Tech Sheet



**MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT**  
*Our guarantee of quality*

**Required: 95%+ Actual: 96%**

Marquis Fruit Weight™ is the percentage of your palate (from the tip of your tongue going all the way back) that's covered by the velvety sensation of fruit, before you experience any of the structural components of the wine.

Wine Name: Velvet Glove  
Vintage: 2012  
Country: Australia

Region: McLaren Vale, South Australia

Grape Varietal: Shiraz

Barrel fermented and matured:  
100% American oak  
100% new

Alc/Vol: 16%  
Residual sugar: 3.6  
pH: 3.61

Production: 317 doz

RRP: \$185

Label: It's a wine that wraps your entire palate in a 'Velvet Glove' of amazing fruit flavours that seem to last forever.

The only parcel of wine which qualified with a Fruit Weight high enough to go into Velvet Glove was from a tiny section of Gateway block 2. Imagine that! Just 7 rows of grapes which were exceptional enough to be included in this very special wine.

We picked on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

## Scores & Reviews

All the diversity and depth being added to Australia's wine portfolio has yet to unseat Shiraz from the top tier of the country's table wines. At the apex, the inky dark and seductively fragrant Mollydooker Shiraz McLaren Vale Velvet Glove 2012 captures glints of red earth, cinnamon and licorice in its opulent fruit, yet has remarkable depth and finesse for a wine of such power. Drink now through 2024. *Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator*

Deep purple-black and a little closed on the nose with very pure blackberry and plum preserves, some red fruit and floral highlights intermingled with menthol, espresso and a whiff of coconut and spices, the full-bodied 2012 Velvet Glove is a big, rich and concentrated wine with a great tannic backbone that is both firm and fine. It is complemented by refreshing acidity and a very long finish with the licorice and chocolate coming through. Drink it now to 2025+. *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate*

2012	WS 98 pts and Hot Wine; WA 97 pts; Winestate 4 Stars
2011	WA 97 pts and #1 Top Australian Wine; WS 96 pts and Hot Wine; Winestate 4.5 Stars
2010	WA 97 pts; WS 96 pts and Classic Wine
2009	WA 97+ pts; WS 96 pts and Classic Wine
2007	WA 98 pts; WS 96 pts and Classic Wine
2006	WA 99 pts; WS 97 pts and Classic Wine