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## 2005 Lowe Reserve Shiraz

### Vineyard

Lowe family Wine Company Vineyards-Mudgee 550 metres. Sustainably grown on untrellised, unirrigated bush vines under organic conversion.

### Vintage

The 2005 growing season was long and dry - producing low yields. This dryland bush vine vineyard is closely planted on shale based soils

### Vinification

Confidence in the unique characteristics of this block, block 5, made us decide to really try and build on the fruit flavours we had. Approx 1/3 of the fruit was allowed to ferment wild- using the yeast indigenous to the vineyard, the balance used half & half whole bunches and crushed fruit and a Rhone yeast. We used our usual open fermenters, prolonged post-ferment skin contact and maturation was in French puncheons and hogsheads

**Analysis** 13% alcohol, TA 6.2 gm/lt, 3.52 pH

### Tasting notes

We have certainly not been disappointed with the wine. The characteristic violet and mulberry fruit aromatics are beautifully interwoven with oak vanillan and nutmeg. The palate has an extra dimension and texture from the wild ferment and stem inclusion but still retains its elegance and fine grained tannins. Minimal fining ( free range egg whites ) and filtration occurred before bottling. Needs lamb.



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