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McLaren Vale producer, Cape Barren Wines has recently received outstanding ratings from the International Wine Cellar, namely the respected US wine critic, Stephen Tanzer.

Well known for his rigorous and somewhat ruthless rating scheme Tanzer rated the 2005 Reserve Release *Old Vine* Shiraz at 91 Points and the *Native Goose* GSM and Shiraz at 87 and 88 points respectively.

Considered Cape Barren's flagship wine the Reserve Release *Old Vine* Shiraz is a reflection of intense vineyard management and winemaking excellence. Sourced from the premium Blewitt Springs vineyard, the 10 acres of *Old* vines were planted some 70 years ago and produce a low yield of approximately two tonne per acre. Only select parcels of fruit from this vineyard make the *Old Vine* Shiraz. Year after year this wine displays distinct regional and varietal characters, with *terroir* influence, typical of a McLaren Vale Shiraz.

Tanzer's tasting notes were as follows;

2005 Old Vine Shiraz

Youthful saturated ruby. Explosively perfumed aromas of vibrant blackberry, boysenberry, vanilla, Asian spices and violet are deepened by espresso and licorice. Deep and fleshy, with vivid dark berry and kirsch flavors and floral pastille and mocha accents. Spicy oak carries through the long broad finish. The fruit here is more than up to the oak; I'd stash this away for at least five more years. 91 Points

2006 Native Goose GSM

Bright red. Suave red berry aromas, with flesh floral accents adding a sexy touch. Juicy raspberry and bitter rhubarb flavors are framed by fresh acidity but turn a touch dry on the back. The rather taut, linear finish displays a tangy, peppery character to complement jammy red berries. 87 Points

2005 Native Goose Shiraz

Ruby-red jammy raspberry and blackberry aromas suggest Grenache more than shiraz, with a fresh floral note adding vibrancy. Juicy and packed with sweet red fruit flavors on a light, elegant frame, with gently acidity and no obvious tannins. This bright, expressive fruit bomb is carrying no excess fat. Fans on New World pinot ought to give this a try. 88 Points

RRP *Old Vine* Shiraz AUD\$35.00

RRP *Native Goose* GSM AUD\$22.50

RRP *Native Goose* Shiraz AUD\$21.50

Cape Barren Wines are available nationally and internationally from restaurants and selected retail stores.

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