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arakoon wines celebrates 10 vintages

Available now:

- 2005 Sellicks Beach Shiraz
95 points \$20
- 2006 Sellicks Beach Shiraz
New Release \$20
- 2005 Clarendon Shiraz
94 points \$30
- 2006 Clarendon Shiraz
New Release! \$30
- 2006 Lighthouse Cab. Sauv.
New Release! \$20
- 2005 Doyen Willunga Shiraz
95 points – 5 stars \$40
- 2004 Doyen Willunga Shiraz
95 points – 5 stars \$40
- 2005 Blewitt Springs Shiraz
94 points – 5 stars \$30
- 2004 Blewitt Springs Shiraz
94 points – 5 stars \$30
- 2006 Good On Ya'Viognier
90 points \$20
- 2006 Sellicks Beach
Chardonnay \$20

It's been a long hard slog – 10 years of backbreaking work without access to modern winemaking equipment. But that is the lot of the small winemaker trying to carve out a niche for handcrafted wines in the hugely competitive Australian wine market. And there are at least another 1,000 small wine producers like us out there right now. During the past 10 years however, we have been able to make a name for ourselves as a producer of big, fruit driven wines. To celebrate our tenth vintage we are offering some packages from our cellar door to enable you to taste the whole range of our wines. You can buy our wines direct through our mail order Cellar Door service But there is also a growing list of retail outlets stocking arakoon wines. (To view see our website www.arakoonwines.com.au) Because we are a small operation you may have to look hard to find our wines - but persevere because I know you will think the wines worth the effort.

2005 Arakoon Sellicks Beach Shiraz

Arakoon's Sellicks Beach hits all the pleasure buttons for fine McLaren Vale Shiraz. Aromatically giving of perfumed, spicy plum and a headier touch of bourbon-barrel, the fleshy fruit follows with a broad array of blackberry and black cherry flavours. The texture is almost creamy, while the fruit intensity not unlike that of a bright sorbet. A fine balance of both American and French oak lends a smoky depth and additional lick of spice to this utterly enjoyable wine. *(Deep red purple; plush, velvety, richly textured wine with multi-flavoured black fruits; a long palate with fine tannins and oak in support. Screwcap. 14.5% alc Rating 94-95 to 2025; James Halliday AWC 2008)*

2005 Arakoon Lighthouse Cabernet Sauvignon

A full throttle effusion of spicy tobacco-leaf and decadently rich black fruit elbows alongside the classic flavours of cassis in this unctuous cabernet. Black tea tannins carry across the big-boned structure which is fully supported with a core of black cherry and edged with hints of dark chocolate. A brash, yet supple style that is not for the faint-hearted and not to be missed! *(Slightly savoury aromas quickly give way to a palate charged with black fruits, regional chocolate and firm but ripe tannins. Screwcap. 14.5% alc. Rating 92 to 2014; James Halliday AWC 2008)*

2004 Arakoon Gap Beach Shiraz

For those that relish the layered and the lush, this Fleurieu shiraz epitomizes what the cool, coastal region does best: Big, Bold and Balanced! The deep fruit component of this wine simply can't be contained, gushing forth with rich, expressive dark berries and plums. This is a textured, whopper of a wine for those that like to take it one step beyond! *(Medium-bodied; excellent texture, structure and mouthfeel; spicy edges to black fruit flavours; fine tannins and balanced oak. Screwcap. 14% alc. Rating 92 To 2014; James Halliday AWC 2008)*

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5 Star winery

James Halliday's 2008 Wine Companion has again listed Arakoon Wines as a 5-star winery and one of the best in the McLaren Vale region.

Care for a Shiraz?

Apart from our "Bread-and-butter" Sellicks Beach and Gap Beach Shiraz blends, arakoon produces three premium Shiraz. We've named them Doyen, Blewitt Springs and Clarendon Shiraz. These styles represent different growing areas of McLaren Vale and are the result of the careful selection of the best barrels from the best batches of wine we have, all matured in new French oak.

2004 Arakoon The Doyen Willunga Shiraz

The rich soils of Willunga show a generosity that seems to elude the more common parcels around the McLaren Vale, and it is for this reason that the miniscule 200 case production of Doyen Shiraz continues to stand out as one of the rare, super-premium wines of the region. The 2004 represents a bit of departure from the enormous offerings of previous vintages that have maximized alcoholic girth in lieu of potential ageability. This very fine rendition comes back to Earth with a focused 14.5% of pure drinking pleasure. Soft layers of lifted red fruits surround a concentrated core of choco-cherries and rich plum. The texture of this wine is supple, while the underlying youthful tannins are evidence of a fine structure that will reward many years of patient cellaring. A powerful and compelling wine that James Halliday has recognised as one of best in the region. *(Big, dark and dense, this is a concentrated whopper with sumptuous chocolate and fruitcake flavours. Silky-smooth palate despite ample tannins. A decadent luxurious mouthfull of wine; 95 points 5 star Huon Hooke Aust. Gourmet Wine traveller)*

2005 Arakoon Clarendon Shiraz

The Clarendon Shiraz, produced in its miniscule quantities, represents best the exceptional results of small lot production. This sexy, spicy wine oozes a Gucci-like sophistication with a surprising amount of bright, red fruit rising up from a wash of plum and bramble-blackberry flavours. Drop a pebble in a pond and see the circles lap outward, increasing in scope and dimension. So to, the complexity of this wine will open up to continued layers of intensity and pockets of flavour. This is a standout wine, not to be missed.

(More spice /dark chocolate/mocha flavours than the Blewitt Springs Shiraz, but not at the expense of black cherry and blackberry fruit; this is unequivocally elegant. Screwcap. 15% alc Rating 94 to 2020. \$30 James Halliday AWC 2008)

2004 Arakoon Blewitt Springs Shiraz

The rapture of liquorice and sweet violets intermingle and exude from the glass of this gorgeous, brooding monster – this dark and seductive beast of a wine. Such is the nature of the grapes picked from those sandy soils of Blewitt Springs; Port rich, dense and deep fruit component, part perfumed, delicate and full of sultry grace. Such dichotomy makes wines like this rare treasures indeed. *(Layers of blackberry fruit and dark chocolate; fine tannins become evident early on the palate; balanced alcohol another plus. Screwcap. 14.5% alc. Rating 94 to 2014; James Halliday AWC 2007)*

...and the whites:

2006 Arakoon McLaren Vale Chardonnay

Dripping with tropical tones of pineapple, guava and lime blossom, this seldom seen white from the Arakoon stable is right on line. Lending itself towards the fresh and vibrant early-drinking style that the McLaren Vale does so well, this chardonnay is still backed with sophistication that smacks of its cool-climate upbringing, home by the sea. Screwcap. 13.5% alc.

2006 Arakoon Good On Ya' Flerieue Viognier

Stacked with varietal apricot fruit, bordering on dried apricot. Rich, but little or no phenolics. Screwcap. 13.5% alc. (James Halliday AWC 2008) This is a great wine for asian dishes – especially hot! *(stacked with varietal apricot fruit, bordering on dried apricot; rich but little or no phenolics. Screwcap. 13.5% alc. Rating 90 to 2008 James Halliday AWC 2008)*



Red and White 10 year special

2 x 2005/06 Sellicks Beach Shiraz
 2 x 2004 Gap Beach Shiraz
 2 x 2005/06 Lighthouse Cabernet Sauv
 3 x 2006 Sellicks Beach Chardonnay
 3 x 2005 Good On Ya' Viognier

\$200 plus freight – a saving of \$40 on the Cellar Door price



Red 10 Year Special

2 x 2005/06 Sellicks Beach Shiraz
 2 x 2004 Gap Beach Shiraz
 2 x 2005/06 Lighthouse Cabernet Sauv
 3 x 2003/04/05 Blewitt Springs Shiraz
 2 x 2005/06 Clarendon Shiraz
 1 x 2004/05 Doyen Willunga Shiraz

\$260 plus freight – a saving of \$50 on Cellar Door price



White 10 Year Special

6 x 2006 Sellicks Beach Chardonnay
 6 x 2005 Good On Ya' Viognier

\$180 plus freight – a saving of \$60 on Cellar Door price.



How to order

Fill in delivery details and include any special instructions in case there is no one home at the time of delivery. Then select the wines you wish to purchase and calculate the sum payable. Finally include your Visa or Mastercard details. Mail, fax or email the form to arakoon wines. (fax 02 6566 6288) Payment can also be made by cheque or direct deposit to our bank account. Email for bank details. Deliveries by Australia Post Wine Service. Note: vintages supplied in the special deals are in chronological order while they last. Freight cost is \$10 per case within Australia.

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vintage	name	single	per	qty	amount
		bottle	dozen		
2005/06	The Lighthouse	20.00	228.00		
2004	Gap Beach	20.00	228.00		
2005/06	Sellicks Beach	20.00	228.00		
2004/05	Blewitt Springs Shiraz	30.00	340.00		
2005/06	Clarendon Shiraz (limited stock)	30.00	340.00		
2004/05	Doyen Willunga Shiraz	40.00	460.00		
2005	Good On Ya' Vignier	20.00	228.00		
2006	Sellicks Beach Chardonnay	18.00	205.00		
One Dozen	Red and White 10 year special	n/a	200.00		
One Dozen	Red 10 year special	n/a	260.00		
One Dozen	White 10 year special	n/a	180.00		
			Total		
			Freight		
			Total payable		