

VINEYARD SELECT

2021 SHIRAZ
McLAREN VALE



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Grapes were sourced from a careful selection of low interventionist vineyards across the stunning McLaren Vale region, from Blewitt Springs and Seaview in the North through to Willunga and Sellicks Hill in the South. The range of sites vary greatly in soil, aspect, and vine age, and when combine create a complex wine that reflects the true, rich character of McLaren Vale shiraz.

McLaren Vale fared well in a challenging vintage, due to the moderating influence of the Gulf St Vincent, reliable spring rainfall and excellent water management; enabling the vines to grow unimpeded during hot spells. Yield was slightly impacted by a hailstorm during flowering in November, and a day in January where temperatures soared to 46.6°C, burning some leaves and fruit. Harvest was fast and furious and while quality was exceptional, yields were down by up to 25%.

WINEMAKING

These grapes are brought into our Vintage House, the oldest part of our winery, and crushed into 70 year old concrete vats where the fermentation is initiated by the indigenous "wild" yeasts found on the grape skins. Careful extraction and short post fermentation maceration is followed by pressing. The resultant wine is transferred to American oak where the malolactic fermentation is completed before racking and maturation for 9 months. A careful assemblage is followed by minimal filtration and bottling.

This wine is 100 % McLaren Vale.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR	Rich intense purple.
AROMA	Cherries, ripe raspberry, subtle spice and vanillin aromas come to the fore on the nose.
FLAVOUR	The spice fruit flavours and deft oak create a wine of great enjoyment and balance.
CELLAR POTENTIAL	2030

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