

Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale

Generation Series

2020 Mr. Riggs Idle Lane Shiraz

The old and the new, the past and the future, this Generation Series captures my approach to selecting and making the wines I love.

Cheers,



History

When Ben Riggs bought his dream property on Idle Lane in 1996 he knew that the vineyard had potential, not only to produce excellent wines, but also to become a home for his family. Fast forward to 2016 and Ben's dream is complete. In a home nestled amongst the vineyards, it is here that Ben loves to while away the time, tinkering with his vineyards, vegetable garden and spending time with his three sons and dogs.

Vineyard

Sourced from Ben Riggs' Idle Lane vineyard, a small 20 year-old Shiraz block situated in McLaren Vale's coolest sub region, Clarendon. The block sits about 200m above sea level, the geology is North and South Maslin sand (Eocene between 56 and 34 million years old), medium to coarse grain sand with iron stone out crops at the most elevated point. The area ripens up to two weeks later than the rest of the McLaren Vale district and receives on average 30% more rainfall. Although a cooler sub region, it still enjoys the benefits of a Mediterranean climate; wild, wet winters and warm, dry summers. The combination of elevation, increased rainfall and a slightly cooler climate has produced a bright, elegant, and structured style of Shiraz.

Wine

Small batch, fermented in a 5 tonne open fermenter, with a small percentage of whole bunch which adds savoury spice to the wine. Fermentation was completed in French oak, of which 20% is new. Lifted and fragrant with floral notes on the nose. Bright red fruit characteristics prevail, with savoury undertones of cassis and tobacco leading to a long, velvety and dry finish. It's a fine wine that pays tribute to Ben's most loved place.

Technical Details

pH:	3.53
TA:	6.2
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	6th December 2021
Production:	500 cases
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs

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