

Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale



Regional Series



2022 Mr. Riggs Piebald Syrah

The Regional Series is all about paying homage to whence they came. After all, the aim of all Mr. Riggs wines is to express the essence of the vineyard and varieties.

History

Mr. Riggs has a simple and personal vision, 'black and white' if you like, to make wine that Ben Riggs himself loves to drink - Winemaker's wine. As it happens, this wine too is black and white, also known as Piebald; a fermentation of blackest of black 'Syrah' (Shiraz). Thus the reason for introducing 'Piebald' to the label.

Vineyard

The Piebald fruit is sourced from the 'Woodside' vineyard, owned by Randal Tomich. The Woodside vineyard qualifies as a premium cool climate Adelaide Hills vineyard, planted in heavy clay the vineyard sits at approximately 365m above sea level. The vineyard is cane pruned with arched canes (Mc Donalds pruning), giving consistent yields and classic Shiraz looking bunches. It is low yielding with good sun exposure producing vibrant shiraz with fine structure and spicy aromatics.

Vintage

2022 was a cool vintage for the Adelaide Hills and one of the best we have seen for red wines. There was good rainfall throughout winter and mild conditions in spring. A dry and mild summer led to almost perfect ripening conditions, allowing for excellent flavour development and great natural acidity.

Winemaking

90% of the fruit for the Piebald is machine harvested with the remaining 10% hand picked. The wine underwent on-skin fermentation for 8 - 10 days, 10% is whole bunch ferment in 5 tonne open fermenters. The wine then pressed into oak, and left for 16 months with full lees contact.

Tasting Note

The Piebald is a spicy, elegant, and fragrant Syrah. On the palate is deep, dark fruits of the forest with notes of violet and the texture of velvet. Resounding, total, and intense this wine shrouds both the palate and the moment. A quintessential Adelaide Hills Syrah that can be enjoyed now, or if you can wait, cellared for up to ten years.

Technical Details

pH:	3.56
TA:	6.04
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	19th September 2023
Production:	525 6 packs
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs

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