

# Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale



Limited Production

## 2020 Mr. Riggs McLaren Vale Shiraz 1.5L

### In celebration of Mr. Riggs 21st Anniversary

#### History

The first wine ever made by Ben Riggs under the Mr. Riggs name was a McLaren Vale Shiraz so it's only fitting our 21st Anniversary wine be a McLaren Vale Shiraz.

#### Vineyard

The 21st Anniversary McLaren Vale Shiraz is a blend of three iconic McLaren Vale Shiraz vineyards; Piebald Gully, Gateway and Martins Vineyard.

Piebald Gully is situated in the coolest sub-region of McLaren Vale, bordering the Adelaide Hills. Planted in deep sand over clay at the base of Willunga foothills, the vineyard is late ripening and virtually dry grown, producing an elegant and refined style of Shiraz.

Gateway Vineyard, so called as it stands just at the entrance to McLaren Vale, is located in the subregion of Seaview. The vines grow on top of a rather unusual amount of limestone rock and has views of the Gulf of St Vincent and the Adelaide Hills. This vineyard produces a richer and more juicy and fruit forward style of Shiraz.

Martins Vineyard is situated on the western side of McLaren Vale in the sub-region of Tatchilla. Planted in Pirramimma Sandstone, which is sandy loam over sandstone, the vines are relatively young, only 22 years old, and are single cordon trellis. Shiraz from this vineyard generally produces wines with excellent structure.

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#### Wine

Components of the 2020 McLaren Vale Shiraz from all vineyards were fermented in traditional open fermenters, and following pressing, finished their fermentation in oak; approximately 80% was French and the balance American, 35% of which was new oak. Vineyard parcels were kept separate during fermentation and maturation and were blended three months prior to bottling. The 2020 McLaren Vale Shiraz is ripe, rich, and intensely flavoured. Vibrant aromas of juicy blueberries and spice flourish. The depth of the Shiraz is apparent, with dark berry fruit compote, rich chocolate, and leather. Old French oak is seamlessly integrated in the wine, the texture is smooth and creamy. Enjoy now or in the next 15 years.

#### Technical Details

pH:	3.57
TA:	6.73
Alc/Vol:	14.5% (17.2 Standard Drinks per bottle)
Bottling date:	25th March 2022
Production:	200 bottles
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs

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