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~ made with organically grown grapes from our vineyard ~

## SPRING SEED WINE 'SCARLET RUNNER' 2022 MCLAREN VALE SHIRAZ

### Spring Seed Wine Co

Spring Seed Wines are made using grapes from our family's vineyards, located in the premium wine region of McLaren Vale. Vineyards were established in the early 1970s by Peter and Anthea Bosworth and are now owned and run by their son Joch and partner Louise Hemsley-Smith. The vineyards have been certified organic since 1999. Our labels, inspired by vintage flower seed packets, celebrate the natural beauty and purity of our wines and reflect our ongoing commitment to sustainable and organic practices.

### Vintage 2022

The 2022 growing season was as close to ideal as you could wish for, with above-average winter and early spring rains, followed by a cool, dry summer. This led to a later-than-usual veraison and harvest, resulting in high-quality fruit across all varieties.

### Winemaking

The 2022 Scarlet Runner Shiraz is the 15th version of this lovely middle-weight Shiraz. Our first vintage of this wine (2008) was made for our American importers who wanted an organic label for their portfolio. 2008 was a less than auspicious year for many reasons – the Global Financial Crisis rose its ugly head and the vintage was a tough one for a variety of reasons. None-the-less the Scarlet Runner Shiraz was born, and began a nice line McLaren Vale's most widely planted variety. The MO remains the same as when we started making this wine – pick the Shiraz flavour and sugar ripe, ferment in open vessels and mature for about 9 months in older oak barrels.

### Tasting Note

The Scarlet Runner is a super example of a mid-weight McLaren Vale Shiraz. It has the right amount of red and blue fruits (red plums and blackberries) on the nose, with a hint of dark chocolate and liquorice, plus the merest hint of toast from the limited amount of time the wine spends in oak. These fruit characters follow through onto the palate which has lovely supple tannins and a pleasing length. It's a bit like Baby Bear's porridge – just right!

### Technical Details

Vineyards: Bradens, Grange, Dentons, Edgehill, Chanticleer and a smidge from the Winery block  
Picking Dates: Between 2nd and 30th March 2022  
Alc/Vol: 14.5%  
Bottling date: 7th December 2024