

HUGO WINES

We are a family business with a long history, recently taken over by the fifth generation. Our single estate vineyard in McLaren Vale is uniquely high and cool. The old vines and more recent plantings all produce exceptional fruit that's healthy and balanced – the wines are fresh and bright, but with complexity and depth; layered, just like the site on which they grow. Our vines are our family and our wines have been recognised for more than 40 years.

HUGO Shiraz / Cabernet 2021

Getting the exact picking time right to allow for both Shiraz & Cabernet Sauvignon to be harvested & co-fermented together is the key to making this wine. Sourced from two mature vineyards on the elevated Hugo Estate our goal is to make a medium bodied shiraz cabernet blend with generous mouthfeel, yet freshness and balance.

Tasting Note Flavours of blackcurrant, mulberry, black cherry flavours with influences of mixed spice and hint of chocolate. Good length of palate displaying excellent fruit, acid, tannin balance.

Vintage The 2021 growing season started with a wet winter and spring followed by a mild and dry summer. With no heat spikes and lower temperatures throughout summer, ripening was slow and gradual allowing the fruit to develop intensity of flavour. A truly special vintage in McLaren Vale.

Vineyard Single Cordon siraz vines with foliage wires planted by John Hugo in 1972. Cabernet Sauvignon are also single cordon with foliage wires planted by John & Liz Hugo in 1988. The Cabernet is a section which ripens slightly earlier than the rest of the Cabernet which allows for both varieties to get harvested on the same day.

Winemaking Co-fermented Shiraz & Cabernet to best integrate the two variety's. A portion of whole berries added to ferment to maximise the aromatics and mouthfeel. Fermented on skins for 10 days with gentle pump-overs twice per day. Maturation in 100% older French oak hogsheads & larger format French oak puncheons for 8 months.

Serve Osso bucco, lamb shanks with blackberry coulis.

Variety

Shiraz 65%
Cabernet 35%

Region

McLaren Vale

Year Planted

Shiraz 1972
Cabernet 1988

Elevation

180-200 metres above sea level.

Soils

Rich loam onto clay with river bedrock.

Cellaring

10+ years

Alcohol

14.5%

