



## Firehawk Farm McLaren Vale Shiraz 2020

## Dandelion Vineyards

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Our Firehawk Farm Shiraz is our finest McLaren Vale Vineyard

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### Background

Dandelion Vineyards is a unique fusion of vineyards and vigneron. Our wines represent decades of experience, blending the fruit of our old vine gardens with the finest traditions of artisan winemaking.

Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time. Our wish is to nurture the unique character of these vineyards and express their terroir in our wines.

Capturing variety, vintage and vineyard requires an enlightened approach and although our growers see the Devil in every weed, we encourage the humble Dandelion amongst the vines as they suppress winter weeds, provide mulch in summer, and proffer their Wishing Clocks in spring to blow off to make our wish come true.

Our Firehawk Farm Shiraz from McLaren Vale is a single vineyard perched atop an ancient ridge overlooking McLaren Vale, the Willunga Escarpment and the Gulf of St Vincent, Firehawk is our Native Bird of Prey that soar over our vineyards acting as scarecrows to other birds, rabbits and the like that eat ripening grapes.

Selected bunches were hand picked by family and friends in early March and gently crushed into open top fermenters. After 14 days fermentation the wine was then basket pressed into French oak Barriques, a third new, the balance seasoned, followed by 18 months maturation with minimal winemaking artefact before bottling, to capture the essence of the vineyard. This wine will reward cellaring and decanting.

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Zar Brooks, *Typist & tba*,

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Adelaide Winemaker

### Tasting Notes

#### Colour

Purple, deep, textural and viscous.

#### Nose

Aromatics of shiraz supreme intermingled and intertwined with French Oak spice. Plums and nutmeg, blackberry and orange zest, earth and mocha - but all in check and all in balance. Uplifting yet slightly dangerous...

#### Palate

Grainy and textural with peppery, earthy and plummy flavours. McLaren Vale's classic white chocolate shiraz profile. Grip from friendly tannins and gracefulness from plush, silky berry fruit. Welcoming yet structured; generous yet dry. More-ish, in a word, yet grown-up..

#### Drink

Boudin Noir if you are a grown-up; cold roast duck on a Spring day? This is a red wine that is at home at luncheon or at dinner, and do not be afraid to decant. Meats and vegetables barbecued are also well-suited. Versatile.

#### Specifics

*Composition:* 100% Shiraz

*Alcohol:* 14.5%

*TA* 6.65 g/L

*pH:* 3.49

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