



HEIRLOOM

VINEYARDS

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2021 MCLAREN VALE SHIRAZ

Heirloom Vineyards was conceived in vintage 2000, when a young winemaking student caught the eye of a silly old wine judge. A love story ensued inspired by two vows: To preserve the best of tradition, the old world of wine and our unique old vineyards and to champion the best clones of each variety planted in the most appropriate sites embracing the principals of organic and biodynamic farming. Seven long vintages of trial and error passed before Heirloom Vineyards could make a wine that was fine enough to pass on to future generations. That is this wine.

This Heirloom Vineyards Shiraz was sourced from hand tended vines, sorted bunch by bunch, naturally open fermented, with gentle pumping over to extract colour, flavour and tannin. Aged in some new but mainly 3 and 4 year old American and French oak barrels for 16 months.

OUR WINE NOTES

Shiraz can be a simple sip or a symphony of the senses, a moment of pleasure or an eternity of contemplation. Only the poet can know, so stop thinking and surrender.

COLOUR

Dark, dense, deep purple with a bright blue-violet rim edge.

AROMA

Cinnamon, white chocolate, fresh soft green herbs at Winter's very end; rich, ripe plums and the smell of plum skins. Minerals, slate and freshly sharpened lead pencils - 2B. A deft and dovetailed integration of shiraz fruit aromatics and winemaker wizardry. The aromatics remain prominent, as they should.

PALATE

Textural red wine with subatomic sized tannins in multitudinous proportions. Yet whilst they are everywhere they are so tiny as to play a strangely background, insouciant role. This texture provides a wonderful graphite quality, helping to define the rounded black and berried fruits, which are furthermore tightened by a keen linear scribe of acidity.

OVERALL

This red wine is evidence of McLaren Vale's best shiraz being such a versatile companion to foodstuffs. A ratatouille? A roasted chicken? Rump of beef turned into a kebab with a yoghurt sauce?

Alcohol 14.5% (8.6 Standard Drinks)

WINEMAKERS Elena Brooks & Alexandra Haselich

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