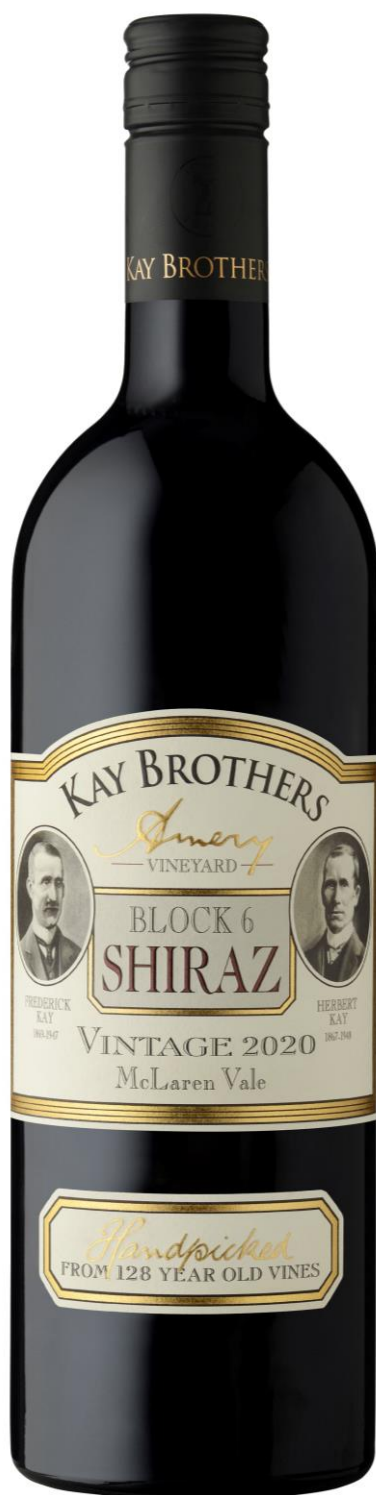




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TASTING NOTES



PRODUCT	2020 Block 6 Shiraz
PRODUCER	Kay Brothers Amery
COUNTRY	South Australia
REGION	McLaren Vale
GRAPE VARIETY	100% Shiraz – Single Vineyard
ALCOHOL	13.0% by volume
RESIDUAL SUGAR	2.16 g/l
pH	3.63
TOTAL ACIDITY	6.0 g/l
CASE PRODUCTION	590 six packs
WINEMAKING	

Block 6 vineyard faces East and rows run North South with significant undulation. Vines are spur and cane pruned with the canes wrapped onto the top wire of the low-lying trellis. The present 1.5 hectares comprises a corner of red loam, some heavy clay in the middle of the block and gravely alluvial soils on the lower side. The underlying “South Maslin Sands” geology is extremely complex containing layers of glauconite, limestone, sandstone and siltstone.

The growing season for vintage 2020 began with good winter rainfall, followed by a dry but cool spring. Unfortunately, fruit set was poor which kept crop levels below average. After a hot December the rest of the summer was cool, and the first 2 days of February received some lovely rain from the North with 31mm recorded in the gauge at Amery. The rain helped fill the dry soil profile and flesh out berries, lifting fruit flavours and enhancing wine quality. Weather conditions for the final ripening period were cool and dry, perfect for flavour development.

Block 6 was hand-picked from the 128-year-old vines on the 16th of March 2020, producing a tiny crop of 4.17 tonnes.

The grapes were crushed, de-stemmed and plunged twice daily while spending 11 days on skins in our traditional open fermenters. The wine was then basket pressed and matured for 20 months in 35 % new French and American oak puncheons. Bottled in February 2022.

DESCRIPTION

Colour: Deep ruby

Nose: Perfumed notes of rose petal, musk, and dried herbs with a whiff of smoked charcuterie lingering in the background.

Palate: Bright berry fruit flavours, cacao and black olive. Followed by slowly building fine-textured tannins providing great length. An elegant and classy Block 6 Shiraz.