

Richard Hamilton



FAMILY OWNED



SUSTAINABLE



FRIENDLY



TASTING NOTES

COLOUR

Full Red with deep crimson.

PALATE

Medium to full bodied with textural tannins providing persistence and rounding-out the palate. A flavoursome wine that retains elegance and style in which the fruit plays the dominant role.

CELLARING

Vibrant when young and for more complexity over 7-10 years.

WINEMAKERS

Paul Gordon and Greg Foster

BOUQUET

The fruit shows satsuma plum aromas with hints of black pepper, with a light cedar note from oak maturation.

PAIRING

Full flavoured meals, such as tender beef, or rich vegetarian dishes. Perfect with pasta.

MATURATION

13 months in predominantly French oak with some American Oak. 20% New French oak, 10% new American oak, balance 2-6 year old barrels.

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 14.5%
Vine Age: 19-53 years
Sugar at Picking:
14.3° Baumé
pH: 3.45
TA: 6.4 gms/litre

Residual Sugar:
0.63 gms/litre
Malolactic: 100%
Yeast Type:
Saccharomyces cerevisiae

BACKGROUND

WINEMAKING NOTES

The focus in producing this wine is to have vibrancy of fruit on the nose and palate with a tight structure and attractive mouth filling roundness. The fruit was all grown on our Estate between the McLaren Vale and Willunga townships. Following fermentation on skins, the components were pressed before dryness and allowed some oak fermentation. On the completion of malo-lactic fermentation, the wine was 're-worked' and returned to oak for further maturation.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Yields in 2020 were affected by weather conditions at flowering and were lower than average. Rainfall from May to August 2019 was slightly above average. Unusual for McLaren Vale, there were spring frost events. Cool November weather affected vines that were just flowering and cool and windy conditions into mid-December affected fruitfulness. Very hot conditions in the last half of December pushed the temperature above average. Some good rain events helped relieve a dry December. Both January and February were cooler than average providing a longer ripening period without any extremes. Relatively mild conditions continued into March once vintage had begun and with no rain, provided ideal harvest conditions. From modest yield, fruit quality is very good and displays good intensity with elegance.

THE ROSETTE

Roses are synonymous with the Hamilton family with rose gardens surrounding our vineyards in McLaren Vale. The Rosette series proudly celebrates the family's long standing in the South Australian wine industry since 1837.



LITTLE ROAD
2020
SHIRAZ
McLAREN VALE