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Merchant Series

McLaren Vale | 2021

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Alc: 14.5%

Region

McLaren Vale enjoys a reputation for producing high quality Shiraz and Grenache along with some alternative varietals from Italy and Spain. Elevation peaks at 350 metres along the Sellicks foothills with these vineyards influenced by the cooler gully winds making them ideal for white wine and cooler climate varieties. Majority of vineyards are located on gently undulating land with strong coastal influences. The Mediterranean climate is characterised by moderate winters, warm summers and predictable winter rainfall.

Vintage

Vintage 2021 will go down as not only Australia's largest vintage to date but also possibly one of the best from a quality perspective. After a relatively wet spring and early growing season, conditions were excellent for fruit set and flowering across most varieties. Early in the new year, there was only one major rainfall event, with the rest of the season being quite dry with little disease pressure or pressure from mid-Autumn heatwaves. A slow and balanced ripening period was excellent for achieving fruit flavour and ripeness at lower sugar levels while retaining high levels of natural acidity.

Vinification

The fruit for this Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from local McLaren Vale growers and Patritti's own Blewitt Springs vineyard. All parcels were individually matured for 18 months in 500L oak puncheons (10% new French) before careful selection, blending and bottling.

Tasting Comments

Deep brick red with a bright ruby hue. Aromas of red fruits mulberry, black currant and rhubarb work with subtle hints of toasty French oak. The palate is medium to full bodied with a generous juicy mouthfeel and is well structured. Flavours of black currant and raspberry freshen the palate whilst smooth tannins continue for a long finish.