

# PATRITTI

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### FAMILY RANGE

SHIRAZ (LIMITED RELEASE)

McLaren Vale

Vintage: 2021	Alc: 14.5%
Sub-region: Blewitt Springs	Barrel Maturation: 19 Months
Skin Contact: 10 Days	Whole Bunch: 15%
Oak Treatment: 55% New French Puncheons and 7% New American	Winemakers: James Mungall & Ben Heide

#### Vineyard

The fruit for this wine is sourced from selected rows in the family's own Blewitt Springs vineyard in the McLaren Vale region. Planted in 1960, the vineyard's free draining sandy soil, mild to warm climate and high elevation create a site perfectly suited to growing premium low yielding Shiraz grapevines.

#### 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

Hand harvested from the estate's Blewitt Springs vineyard, the fruit was crushed, destemmed and soaked for one day prior to fermentation to extract maximum colour without the production of alcohol. Fermented on skins for seven days before pressing, the wine was transferred to 55% new French and 7% new American oak barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation. Following MLF the wine was aged in barrel for 19 months before bottling without fining or filtration.

#### Tasting Comments

The colour is a deep almost black ruby red showing a slither of violet-purple on the hue. Aromatically the wine is complex and concentrated with plum, blue fruits and raspberries, complexed spice and toasty oak. The full-bodied palate is driven and powerful; with even structure and long tannin line, oak is integrated with the blue and red fruits. Whilst enjoyable now this wine will cellar beautifully over the decades to come.

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