

MINISTRY OF CLOUDS

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2020 SHIRAZ

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McLAREN VALE

Sand & Stones may break my bones,
but geology will never hurt me...
Born of one of the most ancient and
geologically diverse wine regions in the world,
McLaren Vale, this wine is made from Australia's
most ubiquitous grape – Shiraz. With the aim
that this Shiraz reflects our view of the region,
we combine a famed dry grown Blewitt Springs
deep sandy vineyard, and a younger more
structured and fragrant parcel from the shallow
old bedrock of our own Onkaparinga Rocks
vineyard in the hope of a more modern, slender
and youthful expression.

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Creation

With a view to building a complex and layered expression of McLaren Vale Shiraz, we combined three separate picks from our own Onkaparinga Rocks vineyard, and a sandy dry grown Blewitt Springs site. We retained between 12-14% of whole bunches in each of the ferments, and gently destemmed the balance to preserve whole berries, we then allowed it to cold soak for 3 days to capture aromatics. Fermentation commenced naturally, it was hand plunged and tasted twice daily to assess flavour and colour extraction. After a gentle basket press, the wine was matured in a mixture of new and old French oak foudres, the smallest being 3500 litre, and a selection of 500l puncheons for 11 months.

Composition

A slender and fine expression of McLaren Vale Shiraz with layers of cool blue and red fruit lift with layers of allspice and cardamom to entice, supported by a gentle oak creaminess, which progresses to the palate exhibiting a deep fruit weight kept bright, nervy, and fleshy and filed down nicely by fine and savoury tannin line.

Consumption

Ideal serving temperature is 16 °C... God forbid a Shiraz that won't dominate all food placed before it. Try with spicy Catalan Fish Stew with grilled rye and aioli. Cool cellaring between 5 years to 8 years will be rewarded.

VARIETIES: 100% SHIRAZ

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

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