

MINISTRY OF CLOUDS

—
2021 SHIRAZ

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BLEWITT SPRINGS
SINGLE VINEYARD

Welcome to Country...

From the First Australians through to our most recent migrants, our lives are enriched by their cultural capital. In Blewitt Springs it was the Italian families who arrived post war to plant the blocks that the English had missed that has forever changed the face of McLaren Vale.

Conceived, planted and nurtured from 1960 onwards on an elevated east facing site, this famed Blewitt Springs Shiraz vineyard is celebrated in this single site wine. We thank the Patriitti family for the opportunity to revel in their fantastic fruit.

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Creation

Take a single dry grown Blewitt Springs vineyard planted in 1960 with roots deep in the Maslin Sand laid over Ironstone. Planted facing east to capture the cool morning sun, this fruit was hand harvested and a modest amount of whole bunch retained, with the balance gently de-stemmed to whole-berries, before the ferment kicked off in a traditional open 2 tonne vat. With the prodigious balance and intensity inherent in vintage 2021, we continued to very gently hand plunge daily, but extended the time on skins out to an amazing 5 weeks to build the necessary structure. We then gently basket pressed to a mixture of one and two year old French oak puncheons for 11 months maturation.

Composition

A blue fruited, dense, but aromatic and generously fragrant expression of Blewitt Springs Shiraz. Gently complex, showing bright cherry fruit, raspberries and cranberries, layers of nutmeg, violets, and a supporting foundation of spicy French oak. On the palate, it exhibits a finely wrought core of intense fruit, framed by persistent sandy tannins, and kept taut by a line of natural acidity.

Consumption

Ideal serving temperature is 16 °C, please take the time to splash in a decanter for as long as you dare – and serve with your favourite Sunday Roast. Ours is a standing beef rib roast with duck fat potatoes and spring beans. Cool cellaring between 5 years to 15 years will be rewarded.

VARIETY: 100% SHIRAZ

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

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