

Blackbilly

Blackbilly wine is produced using the famous vineyards of McLaren Vale known for wines of richness and diversity. Using modern and traditional winemaking techniques we craft wines of exceptional value and flavour for drinking and enjoyment.

Blends of Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvedre (a.k.a. Mataro or Monastrell) is McLaren Vale's signature blended wine. Old vineyards, a Mediterranean climate and classical winemaking, which includes the use of oak ensures a wine of substance and style.

This is the **tenth** vintage of this regional blend using the varieties Grenache — from a vineyard planted in 1910 — (56%) and used for its fruit, Shiraz (38%) - used for its structure & colour and Mourvedre (6%) - for spiciness. These varieties have underpinned the region's wines and many of the grapes come from prized old vines.

After open fermentation, the individual wines are matured in a mixture of old larger format oak with a smaller portion of newer French oak for complexity. Complex and with life, this wine will suit many elegant to full flavoured foods, particularly Mediterranean cuisine.

Tasting Note

- Colour:** Deep burgundy with a distinctive purple hue.
- Nose:** Fresh and zippy showing blended complexity. Blue fruits with a hint of lavender and Turkish delight around a core of spicy aromatics.
- Palate:** Up front blue fruits, verging to dark cherry combine well with a solid mid palate highlighting light oak tannin and flavour. Distinct crisp, mouth-watering acidity keeps the freshness and appeal of this medium bodied style.
- Potential:** This vintage has produced fruity wines that have medium term cellaring potential.
- Foods:** Rosemary lamb rack, margarita pizza or maybe stinky cheese.
- Technical:** Bottled September, 2018 under screw cap, Alcohol 14.4%, pH 3.38, TA 6.48
- Vintage:** 2017 was a cool, long ripening, yet high quality regional vintage.
- Winemaking:** Nick Haselgrove

Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre McLaren Vale 2017

