

McLaren Vale is home to some of the most treasured old vine plantings in the world today, with the earliest known plantings dating back into the 19th century. We affectionately refer to them as "The Old Faithful". They are a resource we treasure dearly.

The Old Faithful, founded by wine mates in 2005 is an artisan producer of small quantities of exceptional wines from older, exceptional single vineyards. We look for vineyards that are expressive of McLaren Vale, the vintage and the variety and only release our wines when the wines display these finest characters. With the Rhone as its inspiration - Shiraz and Grenache grace our portfolio. Made to age gracefully, we believe in and recommend our wines and hope you can enjoy the magic of 'The Old Faithful'.

This first release Shiraz (our nickname is 'Black Tip') is blended from two expressive sites in McLaren Vale and captures not just select barrels but in the context of a regional but varietal blend.

After harvesting, the grapes undergo open tank ferment slowly over a week or more. On pressing the wine was transferred to new French oak puncheons to complete fermentation and add structure to the wine and then slowly mature for complexity and tertiary expression.

Only the best barrels were selected for the final wine. Bottled with light filtration, no fining.



2016 SHIRAZ



Vintage:	2016
Region:	McLaren Vale
Variety:	Shiraz from Onkaparinga and McLaren Flat
Oak:	French oak puncheons for 36 months
Closure:	We use DIAM5 cork to provide taint free cellaring.
Bottles made:	1,222
Analysis:	14.5% Alc/vol, pH 3.51 TA 6.2
Winemaking:	Nick Haselgrove

Winemaker's Notes at August 2020 (update):

Colour:	Dark purple with slight brick red hue.
Nose:	Integrated oak note over a briary, black fruited core. Chinese five spice, mocha and light cedar complexity.
Palate:	Ripe, rich with velvet like tannin combines with bramble, blackberry with an even yet crisp finish with a long after palate. This wine will improve with long term cellaring.
2016 Vintage:	Very dry with a little (needed) rain in February allowing complete and even ripening. A great vintage with classic regionality.