

# 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.

Shiraz is Australia's most famous variety and McLaren Vale's signature wine. Old vineyards, a Mediterranean climate and classical winemaking, which includes the use of American oak hogsheads, ensures a wine of substance and style.

This vintage of **Blackbilly** uses an older vineyards from heavier soils in McLaren Flat to produce a beautifully scented wine. Full and round tannins are a highlight of the palate aptly combined with ripe fruit complexity. The partial use of new American oak hogsheads for barrel fermentation (~20%) and a mixture of older French oaks provide a complex character in harmony with the fruitiness of the wine.

As this wine has been treated with respect in our cellar, a harmless crust may develop with maturation. Decant and allow to breathe on opening. Medium to long term cellaring recommended to enjoy the regionality this wine provides.

## Tasting Note

- Colour:** Deep rich purple with lively brightness and vivacity.
- Nose:** Fresh blueberry and dark cherry fruits with a touch of cedar and liquorice and pleasant vanilla American oak complexity. Fresh, bright yet complex aromatics.
- Palate:** Full bodied with a nice line of acidity complexed with interesting mocha & vanilla oak notes. Long, satisfying finish. And lingering after palate.
- Potential:** This vintage has produced fleshy, fruity, strong wines that have long term cellaring potential.
- Foods:** Rib-eye steak or perhaps a pulled pork pizza and slaw.
- Technical:** Bottled August 2020 under screwcap. Alcohol 14.6%, pH 3.43, TA 6.8
- Vintage:** 2018 was a benchmark vintage with ripe balanced wines.
- Winemaking:** Nick Haselgrove

## Shiraz McLaren Vale 2018

