

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 fifth vintage of this regional blend using the varieties Grenache (50%) - used for its fruit, Shiraz (47%) - used for its structure & colour and Mourvedre (3%) - 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 new French oak for complexity. Complex and with life, this wine will suit many full flavoured foods, particularly Mediterranean cuisine.

Tasting Note

- Colour:** Deep red magenta with a brick red, purple hue.
- Nose:** Complex 'Cote du Rhone' style nose with light bubble gum, fresh dark forest fruits with a light touch of truffle.
- Palate:** Medium bodied style with alert acidity with light cedary, vanillin oak. Quite fruity early on the palate with lingering spice and white pepper which adds depth to ripe, dark fruits finishing with soft tannin.
- Potential:** This vintage has produced fruity wines that have medium term cellaring potential.
- Foods:** Mediterranean olive, garlic and tomato pizza or any pasta suits well. Try snapper with a herb crust. Pasta with truffle...
- Technical:** Bottled August 2013 under screw cap (DIAM cork for USA), Alcohol 14.2%, pH 3.446 TA 5.9
- Vintage:** 2011 was a cool, damp vintage meaning that we needed to be exceptionally rigorous in the selection of our grapes. The styles are still robust but show an element of elegance from the cool season.
- Winemaking** Nick Haselgrove

Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre McLaren Vale 2011

