Blackbilly

Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre

McLaren Vale

2020

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 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 **thirteenth** vintage of this regional blend using the varieties Grenache — from a vineyard planted in 1910 — (57%) and used for its fruit, Shiraz (38%) - used for its structure & colour and Mourvedre (5%) - for spiciness. These varieties have underpinned the region's wines and many of the grapes come from prized old vines.

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

Tasting Note January, 2022. Release May, 2022

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 juicy, medium bodied style.

Potential: This vintage has produced fruity well structured wines that have medium to long term cellaring potential.

Foods: Rosemary lamb rack, margarita pizza or maybe stinky cheese.

Technical: Bottled January, 2022 under screw cap, Alcohol 14.4%, pH 3.43, TA 5.94

Vintage: 2020 was a warmer, fast ripening, low yielding vintage.

Winemaking: Nick Haselgrove

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