

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.

As a legacy of the once gone (almost!) fortified wine era, our region is blessed with plantings of vineyards that are now very old and in unique 'terroirs'. Old bush vines, this wine from a single vineyard (over 111 years old), with tiny crops and berries are harvested by hand then crafted with minimal intervention to preserve the characters.

After fermentation the wine is matured old larger format seasoned French oak puncheons (500L) until final assemblage from selected barrels. Time in barrels was around 14 months with a short rest in tank to preserve freshness. A small amount of the same vineyard Shiraz was included in the final assemblage for structure.

This wine is our 5th release and showcases the region of McLaren Vale and its old vine legacy.

With some care, decanting is recommended to allow the wine to breathe and display the interesting characters that a single site provides. Medium term cellaring will allow complexities appear and this will add to the interest of Grenache.

Tasting Note - October, 2022

- Colour:** Pretty ruby red with a purple hue.
- Nose:** Mulberry and red cherry with touch of lavender / pot pourri and a light cedary oak lift.
- Palate:** Soft supple palate, medium weight with red and blue fruits with fresh, crisp acidity. Long flavours, almost a dark olive savoury finish.
- Potential:** This vintage has produced a wine worthy of medium term cellaring if you can.
- Foods:** Try Salmon with a wakame crust. Will pair well with Oysters, fresh or cooked
- Technical:** Bottled August 2022 under screwcap. Alcohol 14.2%, pH 3.31, TA 5.9
- Vintage:** 2021 was lauded by many as an outstanding vintage with long hang time and moderate yields.
- Winemaking** Nick Haselgrove
- Released November, 2022 @ RRP\$25



Old Vine Grenache McLaren Vale 2021

