Blackbilly

Shiraz

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.

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 (AP John), ensures a wine of substance and style.

This 18th vintage release 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 American oak hogsheads for barrel fermentation (~10%) 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 term cellaring is recommended to enjoy the regionality this wine provides.

Tasting Note — Released June 2023

Colour:	Dark magenta with purple hue and tinge of brick red.
Nose:	Blueberry, satsuma plum with lifted cedar oak and light briar and forest floor.
Palate:	Fresh and crisp with proud tannin with solid blue fruit. Coffee grounds and oak notes on finish .
Potential:	This vintage has produced strong wines that have medium term cellaring potential.
Foods:	Low n slow rack of beef or a ragout with pasta
Technical:	Bottled April 2023 under screwcap. Alcohol 14.5%, pH 3.48, TA 6.26
Vintage:	2020 was a vintage with numerous weather challenges ending in a hot, dry season with a fast harvest and lower yields.
Winemaking:	Nick Haselgrove

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