

McLaren Vale is home to some of the most treasured old vine plantings in the world today, with the earliest known plantings dating back into the 19th century. We affectionately refer to them as "The Old Faithful". They are a resource we treasure dearly.

The Old Faithful, founded by wine mates in 2005 is an artisan producer of small quantities of exceptional wines from older, exceptional single vineyards. We look for vineyards that are expressive of McLaren Vale, the vintage and the variety and only release our wines when the wines display these finest characters. With the Rhone as its inspiration - Shiraz and Grenache grace our portfolio. Made to age gracefully, we believe in our wines and hope you can enjoy the magic of 'The Old Faithful'.

Every now and then, special vintages come around. Our friend Pino has been a long term part of our extended family dedicated to fine grape-growing. From a special plot in McLaren Flat using very old vines and wisdom.

After harvesting, the grapes undergo open tank ferment slowly over a week or more. On pressing the wine was transferred to new French oak puncheons to complete fermentation and add structure to the wine and then slowly mature for complexity and tertiary expression.

Only the best barrels were selected for the final wine. Bottled with light filtration, no fining.



2021 SHIRAZ



'Pino's Block'

Vintage:	2021
Region:	McLaren Vale
Variety:	Shiraz from Pino's Block in McLaren Flat
Oak:	French oak puncheons for 24 months
Closure:	We use DIAM5 cork to provide taint free cellaring.
Bottles made:	2334 in March 2023.
Analysis:	14.5% Alc/vol, pH 3.40 TA 6.53
Winemaking:	Nick Haselgrove

Winemaker's Notes at April, 2023:

Colour:	Deep magenta with a purple hue.
Nose:	Spices and light graphite with layered blueberry and plum fruit. Fresh and lifted oak combines with a violet flower lift.
Palate:	Elegant but still with firm grip and crisp acidity. Even and milky with long persistent after palate.
2021 Vintage:	An excellent vintage with hangtime, ripeness and well structured wines
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