

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.

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 19th 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.

This vintage has a change in the bottle style for brand consistency.

Tasting Note — Released October, 2024

- Colour:** Dark magenta with medium purple hue and tinge of brick red.
- Nose:** Satsuma plum and dark cherry with mocha/cedar oak and light briar and forest floor.
- Palate:** Fresh and crisp with proud tannin with solid blue fruit. Coffee grounds and cedar 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 14.3%, pH 3.38, TA 6.12
- Vintage:** 2021 is considered a bench mark vintage with good yields and generous fruit hang times.
- Winemaking:** Nick Haselgrove
- Released October, 2024 @ RRP\$28

Shiraz

McLaren Vale

2021

