

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 112 years old), with tiny crops and berries are harvested by hand then crafted with minimal intervention to preserve the characters. The vintage provided an opportunity to do a 100% whole bunch, carbonic maceration style as the bunches achieved rachis lignification.

After the 'Cab Mac', a short traditional fermentation followed with the wine then matured in larger format seasoned French oak puncheons (400L) until final assemblage. Time in barrels was around 15 months with a short rest in tank to preserve freshness.

This wine is our 7th 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, 2024

- Colour:** Gleaming ruby red with a purple red hue.
- Nose:** Rose Petal, herb and musk with a whiff of white cherry freshness. Hints of bubblegum and woodiness.
- Palate:** Fresh acidity with fine grain tannin and a complex round tannin. Interesting palate complexities with a long finish with a distinct crispness and lingering flavours.
- Potential:** This vintage has produced a wine worthy of medium term cellaring if you can.
- Foods:** San choy bow or washed rind soft cheese
- Technical:** Bottled September 2024 under screwcap. Alcohol 14.5%, pH 3.33, TA 6.15
- Vintage:** A higher rainfall year initially then followed by a long, late ripening period.
- Winemaking** Nick Haselgrove

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Old Vine Grenache McLaren Vale 2023

