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 and recommend our wines and hope you can enjoy the magic of 'The Old Faithful'.

This sixth release Shiraz (nicknamed 'Black Tip') is blended from two expressive old vine sites in McLaren Vale.

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

Bottled with light filtration, no fining.

2022

SHIRAZ

(Black Tip)

Vintage:	2022
Region:	McLaren Vale
Variety:	Shiraz from McLaren Flat and Blewitt Springs
	-35.202186, 138.582799 Osmond Luigi
	-35.182002, 138.574150 Warraminga Park
Oak:	300L 50% French, 50% American, 20% new, 28 months total
Closure:	DIAM5 cork to provide taint free cellaring.
Bottles made:	2592 x 750mL, July 2025
Analysis:	14.4% Alc/vol, pH 3.46 TA 6.2
Winemaking:	Nick Haselgrove

Winemaker's Notes at July, 2025:

Colour:	Brooding purple with light brick red hue.
Nose:	Complex black plum and briary fruits with vanilla, cedary, toasty oak notes and a balsamic lift.
Palate:	Bramble, cranberry and hi toned graphite toasted oak notes. Crisp acidity with light coffee ground bitterness. Needs time to resolve after bottling.
2022 Vintage:	A solid, even vintage meeting expectations
Potential:	Long term cellaring will add layers of complexity. Decant on opening
Released:	July, 2025 @ RRP$70