Old Vine Grenache

McLaren Vale

2025

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 115 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 grape 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 (500L) until final assemblage . Time in barrels was around 17 months with a short rest in tank to preserve freshness.

This wine is our 8th 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 - September, 2026

Colour: Ruby red with a purple red hue.

Nose: Musk, rose petal with a whiff of bubble-gum cherry freshness. Hints of woodsy forest floor, rosemary and lavender lift.

Palate: Fine grain tannin with freshness and crisp acidity. Interesting palate complexities with a long finish with a distinct crispness and lingering blue fruit flavours.

Potential: This vintage has produced a wine worthy of medium term cellaring if you can.

Foods: San choy bow or butter chicken

Technical: Bottled August 2026 under screwcap. Alcohol 14.3%, pH 3.41, TA 5.3

Vintage: Warm, classic ripening season with low yields and benchmark quality

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