

2021 McLaren Vale Western Block 2 Reserve Shiraz



Vineyard

The 2021 Reserve Shiraz is hand crafted from grapes grown on block 2 of the Western Block on the Lloyd Brothers McLaren Vale Estate which has been most consistent premium block on the Estate over a couple of decades. Planted in 1998, Shiraz clone 1654, 2898 vines.

Geology of the Lloyd Brothers McLaren Vale Estate Vineyard Located on the Blanche Point Formation in the Eocene group which is 56 to 34 million years in age. Glauconitic, fossiliferous calcareous siltstone with Tortachilla Limestone at base.

Winemaking

The Western Block 2 was selectively picked on the 3rd March 2021 and fermented in 1 and 2 tonne open fermenters, spending between 15-20 days on skins prior to being basket pressed to new and seasoned French oak. After 16 months the best barrels were selected to create the Reserve Shiraz. Bottled, unfined on the 6th of September 2022. Vegan friendly.

Oak Maturation

16 months in new and seasoned French oak barriques and hogsheads. Taransaud, Saury, Sylvain and Francois Freres being the coopers of choice with the 30% new oak component being from Taransaud.



Tasting Note

Deep, dark red in colour with aromas of lifted violets, dark plum, mocha and dried herbs. The palate is layered with black currant, boysenberry, liquorice, dark chocolate, iodine with a touch of dried herbs, black pepper and spice on the finish. Approachable in its youth this wine will happily age for 15+ years.