VARIETAL Shiraz

REGION Clarendon, McLaren Vale

BARREL AGEING 18 months in French oak puncheons (30% new)

TECHNICAL Alcohol - 14.4 % pH - 3.57 Residual Sugar - <1.0g Total Acidity - 5.9g/L

CELLAR POTENTIAL 2039

WINEMAKERS
Tony Ingle & Paul Kernich

CASES MADE 300

Vegan Friendly



ANGELS RISE VINEYARD

2020 SHIRAZ

CLARENDON, McLAREN VALE

VINEYARD

The Angels Rise Vineyard sits 310m above sea level, at the northern most border of the McLaren Vale Region. Its location, elevation and aspect provide uniquely cooler climate influences, which combined with a soil profile dominated by lean rocky shalestone, offers distinctly exceptional growing conditions for Shiraz. Unlike the rest of our McLaren Vale range which tend towards the dark fruit spectrum, the cooler conditions result in wines dominated by luscious delicate red fruits.

VINTAGE

A dry spring reduced vine vigour, with cool and windy conditions in November impacting flowering and resulting in reduced berry set. December temperatures were the hottest on record with vines beginning to show signs of water and heat stress early in the season. Fortunately, January and February were much cooler than average, and a three day thunderstorm in February delivered 30mm of rain, refreshing the vines without any increase in disease pressure. The cooler conditions allowed fruit to ripen evenly and although yields were low the fruit delivered to the winery was in pristine condition with great flavour and exceptional structure.

WINEMAKING

The steep south facing 'Hill' block provided the majority of fruit, with a small parcel from the high performing upper west facing rows. Picked in early March, each block was fermented separately. Basket pressed to French oak puncheons (30% new). Eighteen months maturation. Racked twice prior to barrel selection and blending. Bottled without fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTE

Deep red with a hint of purple. Vibrant red fruits, cherries, anise, chocolate, and a slight hint of charred oak. A delicate medium bodied palate, with juicy red fruits and firm tannins make the wine perfect for aging.