



CORIOLE

McLAREN VALE

2020 CABERNET SHIRAZ

2020 gave us a great opportunity to create the classic Australian blend of cabernet sauvignon and shiraz. The cabernet is from a 1986 planting and the shiraz from a 1967 planting.

Tasting notes

This blend of cabernet and shiraz offers up rich aromas of cassis, ripe plum, violets and dried tobacco. A medium to full bodied wine full of blackberry, mulberry, liquorice and subtle oak notes. The palate showcases the juicy plum fruit from the shiraz balanced with the firm, textural tannins from the cabernet.

Serving suggestion

A classic dish for a classic wine - try with a scotch fillet steak served laden with pepper sauce and all the usual trimmings.

Winemaker says

With tiny yields in 2020 we made the decision to blend 30% shiraz with our cabernet sauvignon to produce this classic Australian blend. The old vine shiraz was used to bring mid palate fruit and texture to the fragrant and structured cabernet. I really enjoyed the blending process with this wine to find the perfect balance of fruit, savoury characters and a beautifully long finish.

Technical notes

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale

Varietal comp: 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Shiraz

Alcohol: 14.4%

Total acidity: 6 g/L

pH: 3.59

GF: 0.8 g/L

2020 vintage

A cool spring with windy conditions led to a delay in bud-burst, but the season then saw record temperatures in late December. This was followed by a mild January/February, at the start of harvest we were tracking 10 days later than 2019. This trend followed throughout the season with the final fruit coming in during mid-April. Yields were below average in shiraz and cabernet but healthy crops on most other varieties. 2020 whites are showing delicacy in their aromatics, with fresh natural acidity. The 2020 reds are displaying bright red-fruited fragrance with great intensity on the palate. The resulting wines have an even tannin structure giving depth and longevity with an elegance of fruit.

