



CORIOLE

McLAREN VALE

Welcome to Coriole Vineyards - our third-generation family winery located in McLaren Vale, South Australia.



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OUR STORY



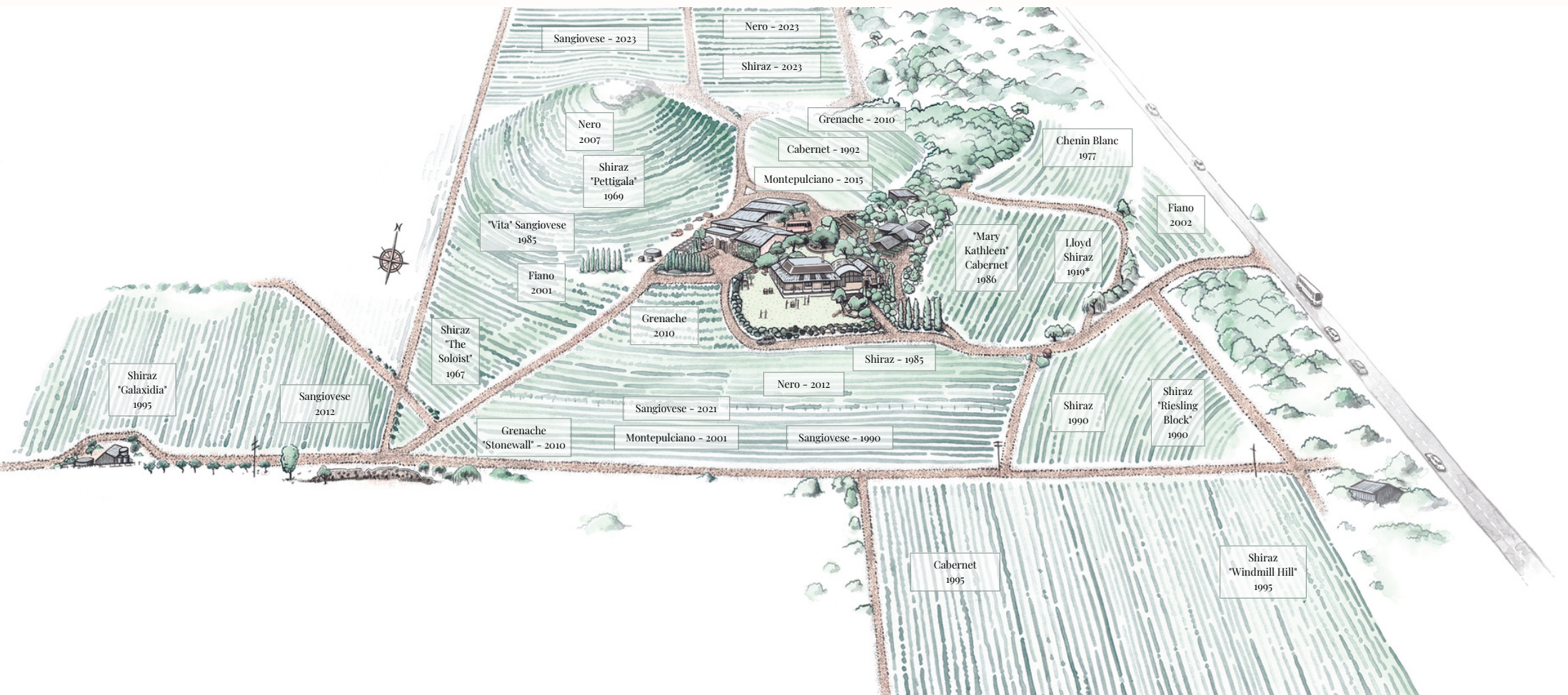
Coriole Vineyards is situated in the undulating hills of the McLaren Vale wine region in South Australia, just within sight of the sea. Coriole was founded by Hugh and Molly Lloyd in the 1960s, and is still owned and managed by the Lloyd family today.

At the helm for 40 years, Mark Lloyd recently retired to hand the baton to the third generation. General manager Peter Lloyd and winemaker Duncan Lloyd grew up amongst the vineyards. They both worked in a diverse portfolio of wine industry roles before returning to Coriole.

Shiraz is the main variety produced by Coriole and grown on the estate. Alongside shiraz, cabernet, grenache and chenin blanc, Coriole produces alternative varieties such as piquepoul, nero d'avola, negroamaro and montepulciano. Coriole has been a pioneer of Italian varieties since 1985, with the oldest sangiovese and fiano vineyards in Australia.

Coriole is committed to positively impacting our region and our environment in a number of ways, including sustainability initiatives like revegetation projects, solar power and recycled water use. After many years of farming organically, we are in the process of applying for organic certification and soon to be certified with Sustainable Winegrowing Australia.

OUR VINEYARDS



The soils on the Coriole estate vineyard are predominantly terra rossa soils. These soils are shallow, with red-brown earth over hard capped limestone. Coriole also manages small vineyards in the sub-regions of Blewitt Springs, Willunga and McLaren Flat giving us a range of different terroir to work with.

*It was always believed that the shiraz vineyard used to produce the Lloyd Reserve Shiraz was planted in 1919. However, new evidence suggests the vines may have been planted earlier, with newspaper records indicating that vines existed on this spot in 1875.

DISCOVER OUR WINES



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RESERVE WINES



LLOYD RESERVE SHIRAZ

Shiraz is a great tradition in McLaren Vale, dating back to the 1850s. Lloyd Reserve Shiraz is produced from a single vineyard at Coriole that was planted either late 19th century or early 20th century – some records indicate as early as 1875. The first Lloyd Reserve wine was released in 1989.

The soil and roots are extremely deep and generally no irrigation is required. The wine is matured in French oak for approximately 18 months and then receives 18+ months in bottle before release.



WILLUNGA 1920 RESERVE SHIRAZ

This 2-acre vineyard was planted in 1920 in the foothills of Willunga. The soils are deep, gravelly loams and this block shows beautiful old vine complexity with a suppleness of the rich Willunga soils.

The Willunga 1920 Shiraz is a very different wine to those produced from the Coriole estate. The nose shows blueberry and sage with hints of charcuterie and lavender. The palate is very soft and rich, with flavours of blackberry and black olive, beautifully framed by very fine tannin and finished by a floral rose lift.



MARY KATHLEEN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Mary Kathleen is named after Lloyd family matriarch, Mary Kathleen "Molly" Lloyd, one of Coriole's founders.

It is produced from our 1986 planting on the Coriole Estate, with the wine was first produced in 1992.

The resulting wine is a savoury and elegant expression, a long and full flavoured cabernet which will cellar well for up to 20 years.



VITA RESERVE SANGIOVESE

Sangiovese was pioneered in Australia by Coriole Vineyards with the first plantings in 1985. It provided a contrasting style to Shiraz, the champion of McLaren Vale. It has proven to be ideally suited to the warm maritime climate of the region.

The Vita Reserve is a selection of the best performing Sangiovese vineyard, interestingly different vintages favour different vineyards. The Vita Reserve is a small bottling that is only produced in exceptional vintages.



RUBATO RESERVE FIANO

The grape variety Fiano originates from a province near Campania, east of Naples.

Fiano was selected by Coriole when looking for a new southern Italian variety to grow in McLaren Vale, with the first vineyard planted in 2001. The first Australian fiano was released by Coriole from the 2005 vintage. Perfectly suited to our climate, fiano is now the largest growing whites category in McLaren Vale. In 2018 we first produced our Rubato Fiano, which celebrates fiano's true textural qualities.

SINGLE VINEYARD



THE OPTIMIST SINGLE VINEYARD
CHENIN BLANC

Coriole Vineyards have produced Chenin Blanc in McLaren Vale since the late 1970s. Traditionally released as a fresh young style; Coriole Chenin Blanc has developed a loyal following with white wine drinkers across Australia.

"The Optimist" is a dry and savoury style that shows the great capacity of the variety to age. The wine is produced from a single vineyard planted at Coriole in 1977.



SANDALWOOD GRENACHE GRIS /
PIQUEPOUL

This wine comes from our vineyard in the foothills behind McLaren Flat, called Sandalwood — right near the border of the Adelaide Hills Wine Region. The vineyard is a steep, free-draining, rocky site that ripens typically later than the Coriole estate — a cooler site, influenced by the gully breezes each evening. These two varieties, grenache gris and piquepoul, are both originally grown in France's southern Rhone wine region. The two varieties are picked together on the same day, harvested into the same trailer, processed together and fermented together in barrel.



SINGLE VINEYARD SANGIOVESE

Our Blewitt Springs vineyard is planted on sandy soils on Douglas Gully Road — the name "Koukalaka" means "Douglas" in Hawaiian.

Our Koukalaka Single Vineyard Sangiovese explores a more ethereal expression of sangiovese — it's floral, fragrant and vibrant, with a finer tannin profile. The medium weight and vibrancy of flavour is a counterpoint to our other single vineyard sangiovese — the rich, robust and earthy Vita Sangiovese.



STONEWALL SINGLE VINEYARD
GRENACHE

Our Stonewall Grenache vineyard lies on a gentle slope bordered to the south by a beautiful ironstone wall built in the 1860s.

The Stonewall vineyard is bush vine, and receives a lot of viticultural attention to ensure even ripeness. Bunch management leaves us with lower crop levels, and we make sure to pick the fruit at the right time to give us moderate alcohol, creating this beautiful, very fragrant, ethereal style of grenache.



TERRE DE FER SHIRAZ / GRENACHE

We identified two vineyards at Coriole that come together very well — our hilltop grenache vineyard, which produces a savoury, rustic style of grenache, and our Pettigala shiraz vineyard — also high up on the Coriole property which gives a very spicy, aromatic shiraz.

The two varieties were hand-picked, with the whole-bunch grenache was tipped straight into the bottom of one of our four-tonne fermenters, some hand-picked shiraz which was de-stemmed and crushed over the top for co-fermentation.

SINGLE VINEYARD



GALAXIDIA SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ

The Galaxidia vineyard was planted in 1998, featuring a north facing slope and produces wines of fragrance and intensity. This small bottling of a 100 dozen is from the best block on this vineyard.

The Galaxidia vineyard is always recognisable for its very aromatic red fruited perfume. It jumps out of the glass and seduces with a very alluring perfume.



PETTIGALA SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ

The "Pettigala" shiraz vineyard, with 50 year old vines, is located high up on our contour hill. The vineyard is typically the most fragrant, spicy and perfumed out of the Coriole estate shiraz blocks.

The name "Pettigala" comes from the Pettigala area in Sri Lanka, home to tea production and spice farming. When this wine showed its characters of black tea, cardamom, clove and cinnamon, we had to name it as our own "spice mountain". The Pettigala Shiraz has beautiful fragrance and length of flavour.



RIESLING BLOCK SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ

Our Riesling Block vineyard was first planted in 1919 to a mixture of varieties. In the late 1970s it was planted to riesling before eventually grafted across to shiraz in the late 1980s.

The resulting wine is always rich and powerful, and in 2018 it was one of our top performing blocks albeit with minuscule yields. Full, intense and richly flavoured shiraz.



THE SOLOIST SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ

"The Soloist" is produced from a single Shiraz vineyard at Coriole – planted in 1969, on red-brown earth over limestone soil.

The resulting wine is a classic, dense, savoury shiraz made for the cellar. With a deep crimson hue, this wine offers a complex nose of plum, blackberry and roasted spice. The palate is bright, with red fruits and cherry notes. As a young wine it shows vanilla bean and boysenberry, but it's structural palate cements the Soloist's ageing ability.



THE NEW AUSTRALIAN COLLECTION



PROSECCO

Prosecco is the traditional sparkling wine of northern Italy, made from the grape of the same name. Unlike Champagne, prosecco is made using the Charmat method, giving it freshness and purity... the perfect aperitif.

Coriole first produced prosecco in 2014, encouraged by a family member who was enthusiastic about the style of wine prosecco produces - unique, delicate and fresh.



PIQUEPOUL

Piquepoul has long been a favourite of the Lloyd family and was selected as having potential as a new variety for McLaren Vale. We imported the cuttings in 2009 from a nursery in southern France and some years later had our first release in 2015.

This ancient variety has proven itself to be well suited to our Mediterranean climate and has found a new home in the Vale. Its fresh acidity and lively texture make it a great accompaniment for seafood, particularly oysters and other shellfish.



FIANO

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This variety loves McLaren Vale's warm, Mediterranean climate which encourages wines of aromatic intensity and textural generosity.



FIANO ADELAIDE HILLS

2023 is our first release from our new Adelaide Hills vineyard situated at 400m elevation in Kuitpo. The winemaking for this wine is all about building texture into the wine while retaining the fresh f./iano aromatics.

The juice was pressed and racked off heavy lees to large format oak where it went through alcoholic and malolactic fermentation. We then kept the wine on light lees for a further six months prior to bottling.



SANGIOVESE

Coriole's fruit is sourced from some of the oldest producing sangiovese vines in Australia.

So well suited to the McLaren Vale region, and over 40 years of experimenting with sites, clones and rootstocks has led to this sangiovese being an Australian benchmark.

Harvested from our 12 blocks across our four McLaren Vale vineyards it is interesting to see the site and clonal variations. The blending is done in the vineyard to create the optimum expression of McLaren Vale sangiovese.

THE NEW AUSTRALIAN COLLECTION



NERO

The grape variety nero d'Avola was originally grown in southern Sicily and thrives in a warm, Mediterranean climate, a very suitable variety for the McLaren Vale region.

Coriole produces Nero from two estate vineyards, resulting in a fruit forward, youthful and vibrant early drinking style.

A wonderfully easy drinking wine with intensity of flavour, a velvety, round palate, fine, supple tannins and a delicate, lingering finish.



NEGROAMARO

Negroamaro is native to the warm climate of Puglia in Southern Italy, where it is known for producing highly aromatic, deep coloured wine.

In McLaren Vale, negroamaro is a late-ripening variety showcasing classic varietal perfume with a bright line of acid.

Negroamaro is a very distinctive variety in the winery with its spiced aromatics. Due to its low tannin and delicate profile we age this wine for only 10 months in old oak. We recommend serving chilled in the summer months.



MONTEPULCIANO

Montepulciano was first planted at Coriole back in 2001. We love the variety for its rich intensity and lovely array of savoury characters to balance the dark cherry fruit.

Montepulciano is late ripening and often the last variety we pick. We use fruit from both our Coriole and Willunga vineyards. At Coriole, the vines are grown on terra rossa which gives the wine a more structural element, whereas fruit from Willunga has richer flavour and generosity.

ESTATE WINES



Dancing Fig Mataro / Grenache / Shiraz

The grapes for this classic blend of grenache, mataro and shiraz are sourced from several family vineyards throughout McLaren Vale.

Mataro is grown near Willunga, in the south, on slate soil, whereas the Grenache and Shiraz are grown on the northern end of the Coriole estate on terra rossa soils.

"Dancing Fig" refers to the many species of fig, fruiting and ornamental, that are grown at Coriole.



Estate Grenache

We have three small bush vine vineyards on the Coriole estate with majority of our estate grown grenache going to the Grenache / Mataro / Shiraz blend, Dancing Fig.

We like to reserve the best 2-3 barrels that display quintessential McLaren Vale grenache characters for this single bottling.

The soils naturally produce a savoury wine, so we use 20% whole bunch and soft extraction during fermentation to get more floral aromatics and prettiness.



Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Coriole Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from estate vineyards that are approximately 30-40 years old. Soils are terra rossa – red, brown earth over limestone, which have proven to be ideal for growing cabernet.

This cabernet is matured for 18 months in French oak, creating a wine that displays enticing layers of cassis fruit complemented by a perfumed nose, and balanced by the fine tannin structure that is a hallmark of McLaren Vale. Our region's cabernet is receiving well deserved recognition and appreciation as a more elegant expression of the variety.



Estate Shiraz

Shiraz has been Coriole's principal variety and flagship wine since the first bottling in 1970. Coriole Shiraz is 100% Estate grown and the average vine age is 50 years old.

The Estate Shiraz beautifully demonstrates the mixture of fruitfulness and savoury elements that these vineyards provide.

This wine is made in the traditional manner; fermented in open tanks, hand plunged, and matured in French oak hogsheads. The Estate Shiraz has impressive fruit intensity, yet is elegant and will reward further cellaring.



Sparta Shiraz

Sparta is from our Galaxidia vineyard, planted in 1998, and surrounded by olive trees. The original owners of this vineyard came from the countryside surrounding Sparta, an area much loved by Coriole founder Mary 'Molly' Lloyd. The soils are terra rossa – red brown earth over limestone.

The Sparta is a fruit driven Shiraz made to enjoy in its youth though will cellar well. Tannins are soft and approachable with great fruit length.

CLASSICS



CHENIN BLANC

Chenin Blanc is Coriole's principal white variety and was first planted in 1977.

Chenin Blanc is an aromatic wine that has great fruit concentration and yet shows an outstanding ability to age. It has proven to be well suited to the moderately warm climate of McLaren Vale.

The painting featured on the label is by Mary Kathleen "Molly" Lloyd, co-founder of Coriole, who was inspired to capture Coriole's beautiful spring landscape from a neighbouring hillside.



ROSÉ

The Coriole Rosé is fresh and lively, a touch of fruit driven sweetness on the front palate through to a savoury finish.

Mataro and sangiovese grapes harvested at a low Baume to produce a fresh style rosé. Just a couple of hours of skin contact results in this wine's pretty blush colour.



SONGBIRD CABERNET

Songbird Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from Estate Grown fruit and combines freshness and aromatic lift with classic cabernet structure.

Songbird refers to the huge range of birds that we have in the Coriole gardens, vineyards and native scrub lands.

Open fermented in 3-4 tonne batches, gentle hand plunging gives subtle extraction of the classic cabernet tannins and structure. An approachable wine that will still reward the connoisseur.

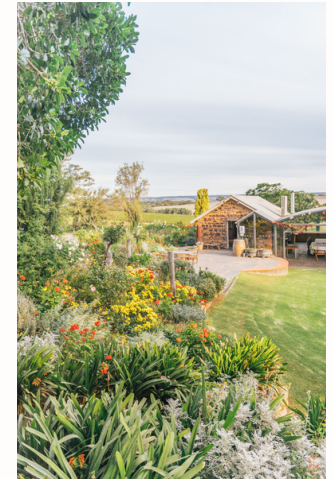


REDSTONE SHIRAZ

Redstone Shiraz is produced from three vineyards in McLaren Vale each contributing complexity to the final blend. The bright fruit character from our Blewitt Springs vineyard, the savoury structure from the Coriole Estate vineyard and the earthy richness from our vineyard in Willunga.

Redstone refers to the local ironstone so common in the soils and buildings of McLaren Vale.

The winemaking results in a softer, juicier shiraz, with more subtle tannins than is typical from our Estate grown range. Aged in French oak for 12 months, this is a balanced and very drinkable style.



FIND OUT MORE



Coriole hosts visitors at the winery in McLaren Vale throughout the year.

The old ironstone barn is home to the Cellar Door where the Coriole team host tastings seven days a week. Throughout the year Coriole is also host to weddings, music and arts events.

At the on-site restaurant, local and seasonal ingredients feature on the lunch menu, served in our rustic courtyard overlooking McLaren Vale's beautiful views.

Coriole wines are distributed Australia-wide and internationally. Contact us to find out more about sales and distribution.

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