



CORIOLE

McLAREN VALE

2019 WILLUNGA 1920 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.

Tasting notes

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

Serving suggestion

A great accompaniment to slow roasted lamb shoulder, or a Sichuan spiced kangaroo tail.

Winemaker says

This beautiful old vineyard, although low yielding, always creates real excitement when the fruit comes in. The 2018 release showed the class produced from this vineyard, which earned this wine an elevated place in our Reserve range for the first time. The 2019 is an exceptional follow on. We love the diversity and styles McLaren vineyards can create and this vineyard is one of our most prized possessions.

Technical notes

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale

Varietal comp: 100% Shiraz

Alcohol: 14.6%

Total acidity: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.63

GF: 0.4 g/L

2019 vintage

The 2019 vintage at Coriole had dry weather, resulting in one of our smallest vintages ever. Yields were down, particularly with shiraz and cabernet, but the wines show impressive depth and balance. Our Mediterranean varieties showed their potential under these conditions, with the sangiovese vines producing solid yields, great balance, flavour and acidity. Our nero d'avola, montepulciano and touriga ripened late, but once again with great balance and flavour. The chenin blanc and piquepoul held up their acidity, producing mid-weight wines with beautiful fragrance, and the fiano is showing concentration of flavour, richness and texture.

