



2020 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 we originally thought was planted in 1919 – but recently we have discovered records that show that this vineyard may have been planted somewhere between 1860 and 1875. The vineyard's soil and roots are extremely deep and generally no irrigation is required. The first Lloyd Shiraz release was in 1989. The wine is matured in French oak for approximately 18 months and then receives 18+ months in bottle before release.

Tasting notes

A beautifully dense and fragrant vintage of Lloyd Shiraz showing mulberry, blackberry, lavender and soy. A plush and full entry that continues with unfurling layers of tannin. The tannins are full and long giving great persistence and presence. The palate is full bodied but elegant with dark floral notes, berries, liquorice and a subtle vanillan note.

Serving suggestion

Although this Shiraz sings alongside most rich, red meat dishes, it really needs no accompaniment. Perhaps just a wedge of aged cheddar.

Winemaker says

2020 gave us low yielding concentrated fruit from this old vine shiraz and thanks to its deep roots retained fantastic balance on the vine. An amazing wine to showcase the depth and complexity of flavour we can see in McLaren Vale shiraz. Will reward those with patience over the next 10–15 years.

Technical notes

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale

Varietal comp: 100% Shiraz

Alcohol: 14.3%

Total acidity: 5.8 g/L

pH: 3.62

GF: 0.5 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. 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.

