



CORIOLE

McLAREN VALE

2020 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 tobacco with hints of liquorice, bay leaf and lavender. The palate is very soft and rich, with flavours of mulberry, raspberry and new leather, 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 2020 shows the undeniable class of the vineyard, highlighting the diversity and styles McLaren Vale vineyards can create. This vineyard is one of our most prized possessions.

Technical notes

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale

Varietal comp: 100% Shiraz

Alcohol: 14.4%

Total acidity: 5.9 g/L

pH: 3.67

GF: 0.4 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.

