



CORIOLE

McLAREN VALE

2021 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, with the effect of the ironstone soils seen in the wine. The few remaining riesling vines counter balance this, providing a delicacy of aromatics.

Tasting notes

Our Riesling Block vineyard showcases the stony soils with an exciting mix of aromatics from ripe cherry and black pepper to dried rose and thyme flower. The palate shows a beautiful silky mid-weight shiraz, with flavours of summer berries, plum and vanilla framed by a long fine savoury tannin.

Serving suggestion

Enjoy alongside a classic beef bourguignon with celeriac mash, or by a winter fireplace with a slice of mature cheddar.

Winemaker says

Our Riesling Block vineyard is grown on stony soil, with ironstone at the surface, which makes it a very tough site. Through a variety of viticultural techniques over the last decade we have been able to increase the level of organic matter in the soil and create a healthy, biodiverse environment, which results in a strong canopy allowing the fruit to mature slowly and evenly. Over the last decade, this viticultural work has seen the wines produced from this vineyard reach a higher level of intensity, fragrance and intrigue. Due to the vineyard's shallow soils, it's often one of the first blocks that we pick at Coriole each vintage.

Technical notes

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale

Varietal comp: 100% Shiraz

Alcohol: 14.1%

Total acidity: 5.99 g/L

pH: 3.59

GF: 0.4 g/L

2021 vintage

2021 will be sure to be remembered as one of the great vintages in McLaren Vale. The vintage started off well with slightly above average rainfall through the winter and spring of 2020. Once the growing season commenced, we had healthy vines, and mild conditions through spring and summer. Vintage kicked off in mid-February and a well-spaced vintage saw the last fruit picked in mid-April. We had average yields across most white varieties with the resulting wines showing great clarity of aromatics. In shiraz, fantastic fruit condition and even ripening made life easy in the winery where we could watch each block express its identity - bright fruit and juicy flavours, with ripe, full tannin structures and impressive length of flavour.

