



CORIOLE

McLAREN VALE

2021 SOLOIST SHIRAZ

Shiraz is a great tradition in McLaren Vale, dating back to the 1850s. The first Coriole Shiraz was bottled in 1970 with the first vines planted in 1919. 'The Soloist' is produced from a single Shiraz vineyard at Coriole – planted in 1967, on red-brown earth over limestone soil.

Tasting notes

The 2021 Soloist is a beautifully fragrant, rich, full-flavoured shiraz made for the cellar. With a deep crimson hue, this wine offers a complex nose of spiced plum, blackberry, rosehip and new leather. The palate shows red cherry, mulberry and cocoa. As a young wine it shows vanilla bean and boysenberry, but it's structural palate cements The Soloist's ageing ability.

Serving suggestion

As it's name suggests, The Soloist can sing on its own. For an indulgent dining experience, pair this wine with a rich, saucy beef bourguignon pie with a butter loaded pastry.

Winemaker says

This block of shiraz is grown on some of the deeper soils at Coriole. The intensity of this fruit is apparent from the day we crush it. 30% new French oak is used to showcase the depth of flavour these old vines show.

Technical notes

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale

Varietal comp: 100% Shiraz

Alcohol: 14.2%

Total acidity: 6.0 g/L

pH: 3.51

GF: 0.5 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.

