



CORIOLE

McLAREN VALE

2023 DANCING FIG

The grapes for this classic blend are sourced from several family vineyards throughout McLaren Vale. Mataro is grown near Willunga, in the south, on slate soil whereas the grenache and shiraz are grown on the northern end of the Coriole estate on terra rossa soils.

"Dancing Fig" refers to the many species of fig, fruiting and ornamental, that are grown at Coriole. The 2022 Dancing Fig blend is Mataro (45%), Grenache (35%), Shiraz (20%).

Tasting notes

With a ruby red hue in the glass, this medium-bodied red is driven by lifted fruit notes and mataro's floral tones. The nose offers up spiced cherry, rose petal, vanilla, white pepper and black tea. The palate is bright and moreish; soft, generous forest fruits - boysenberry, wild strawberry - across a generous, plush mid palate with fine tannins. This is a beautiful, textural red with great length and balanced acid.

Serving suggestion

A traditional Italian pasta made with pork and fennel sausage, rich thick tomato puree, oregano, parsley and a generous amount of Coriole kalamata olives.

Winemaker says

Dancing Fig is produced from mataro from our Willunga vineyard, and grenache and shiraz from our Coriole estate. The wine is all about great generosity of fruit, but with a softer tannin profile coming from the mataro and the Willunga soils. In the winery, we produce Dancing Fig by co-fermenting mataro and grenache, with shiraz blending occurring post-ferment.

Technical notes

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale

Varietal comp: Mataro (45%), Grenache (35%), Shiraz (20%)

Alcohol: 14.3%

Total acidity: 5.62 g/L

pH: 3.68

GF: 0.5 g/L

2023 vintage

The 2023 vintage will be remembered for the La Niña conditions, particularly the wet and cool conditions which dominated spring 2022. We had a late start to 2023 with the first reds picked in March. Naturally moderate yields and careful management mitigated any disease pressure resulting in clean, healthy fruit at harvest. Yields were looking low across most varieties with fiano, sangiovese and shiraz all coming in lower than average. Piquepoul was a highlight in the winery, and across the board, the 2023 red wines feature bright fruit characters with good length and ripeness of tannin.

