



2023 SPARTA SHIRAZ

Sparta is from our Galaxidia vineyard, planted in 1998, and surrounded by olive trees. The original owners of this vineyard came from the countryside surrounding Sparta, an area much loved by Coriole founder Mary 'Molly' Lloyd. The soils are Terra Rossa - red brown earth over limestone.

Tasting notes

This is a classic McLaren Vale shiraz. A complex nose of boysenberry, violet, ground spice and fresh mulberry. A plush palate offering up a bounty of forest fruits, fresh plum, summer pudding and vanilla bean. The Sparta is a fruit driven Shiraz made to enjoy in its youth through will cellar well. Tannins are soft and approachable with great fruit length.

Serving suggestion

Think Greek cuisine with this wine... slow roasted lamb shoulder generously studded with rosemary, garlic and lemon. Serve it with torn pita, chargrilled vegetables and lashings of garlic sauce.

Winemaker says

Our Sparta Vineyard is the only Coriole vineyard to face due north and produces a vibrant red fruited and rich style of shiraz. It is largely planted with a very old shiraz clone called the 'Bob Hardy'. Sparta is made to highlight the fruit and floral notes of McLaren Vale shiraz with good density and medium structure.

Technical notes

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale

Varietal comp: 100% Shiraz

Alcohol: 14.4%

Total acidity: 6.08 g/L

pH: 3.60

GF: 0.6 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. The 2023 red wines feature bright fruit characters with good length and ripeness of tannin.

