



# CORIOLE

McLAREN VALE

## 2018 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 blueberry and sage with hints of charcuterie and lavender. The palate is very soft and rich, with flavours of blackberry and back olive, 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 2018 release is the best wine ever produced from this vineyard, which earned this wine an elevated place in our Reserve range for the first time. We love the diversity and styles McLaren vineyards can create and this vineyard is one of our most prized possessions.

### Technical notes

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale

Varietal comp: 100% Shiraz

Alcohol: 14.1%

Total acidity: 6.0 g/L

pH: 3.61

GF: 0.4 g/L

### 2018 vintage

After solid rainfalls during 2017 and early 2018 the vineyards were in good health heading into the growing season. Early spring was cold which led to late budburst and early predictions were for a late vintage. As the season progressed rainfall reduced and we had several warm spells which brought on ripening. A warm dry summer led to much lower yields than initially expected, some bunch weights were half what they were in 2017. Picking started in earnest in mid February and proceeded at a leisurely pace throughout March and into early April. 2018 is a vintage of exceptional quality. The resulting wines are intense and concentrated, the whites rich and flavoursome, the reds structured and complex.





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"Deep and dark purple colour in the glass. Cherry Ripe aromatics of dark chocolate and ripe berry fruit. Oak is toasty. Graphite and liquorice add earthy charm. Gently round when sipped, an initial burst of mulberry fruit channels quickly into lovely, lifted red cherry acidity. Modern and lively. Loads of length. Kudos. 96 points"

*Nick Butler, The Real Review*

"An old site established in 1920 services the name. This is a smooth ride. Dense. Mocha, black olive, mulberry, blueberry and spice, with a spool of pepper-doused acidity towing the rear long and effortless. The cedary oak glosses the fabric, rather than ripping it apart. Exceptional warm climate shiraz. 95 points"

*Ned Goodwin, James Halliday's Wine Companion*

"Deep, dark and perfumed. Dark chocolate, damp earth, lavender and spice, ripe blackberry and raspberry, black olive rolled in dried herbs. It's full-bodied, rippling with earthy and ferrous tannin, saline and fragrant, has grip and depth of flavour, and rolls out very long, with a distinct toasted hazelnut flavour as it goes. Powerful and distinctive. 95 points"

*Gary Walsh, The Winefront*

