



CORIOLE

McLAREN VALE

2021 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 bright nose of dark fruits, violet, leather and blackberry bramble. A plush palate offering up a bounty of forest fruits, subtle spice and mellow oak. 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: 14.5%

Total acidity: 5.75 g/L

pH: 3.66

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.

