

Richard Hamilton



FAMILY OWNED



SUSTAINABLE



FRIENDLY

GOLD MEDAL - McLAREN VALE WINE SHOW

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR

Full, rich red with crimson highlights.

PALATE

A rich, full palate of plush fruits. Tannins are round and succulent, giving length, persistence and longevity.

CELLARING

Appealing with its vibrancy on release and has the structure for 10 or more years cellaring to provide more complexity.

WINEMAKERS

Paul Gordon and Greg Foster

BOUQUET

Ripe cassis, plum and chocolate with a background of cedar from well integrated, balanced oak.

PAIRING

Try it prime Wagyu, rich pasta or slow cooked duck.

MATURATION

18 months in oak - 21% new French oak, balance in 1-4 year old French and American oak hogsheads

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 14.5%
Vine Age: 1980, 1985, 2001
Sugar at Picking: 14.7-14.8° Baume
pH: 3.52
TA: 6.6gms/litre

Residual Sugar: 0.05 gms/litre
Malolactic: 100%
Yeast Type: Saccharomyces cerevisiae

BACKGROUND

WINEMAKING NOTES

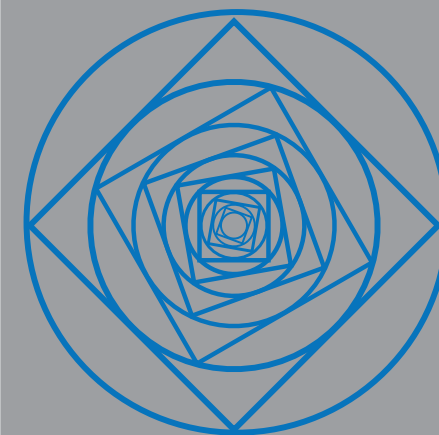
Fruit was harvested at night to take advantage of cooler temperatures, then de-stemmed and fermented for 8-13 days on skins. Following pressing and malo-lactic fermentation, the wine was filled to predominantly French oak (21% new) and received several rackings. The wine was blended in January 2019 then returned to oak for a further 14 months maturation.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Yields in 2020 were affected by weather conditions at flowering and were lower than average. Rainfall from May to August 2019 was slightly above average. Unusual for McLaren Vale, there were spring frost events. Cool November weather affected vines that were just flowering and cool and windy conditions into mid-December affected fruitfulness. Very hot conditions in the last half of December pushed the temperature above average. Some good rain events helped relieve a dry December. Both January and February were cooler than average providing a longer ripening period without any extremes. Relatively mild conditions continued into March once vintage had begun and with no rain, provided ideal harvest conditions. From modest yield, fruit quality is very good and displays good intensity with elegance.

THE ROSETTE

Roses are synonymous with the Hamilton family with rose gardens surrounding our vineyards in McLaren Vale. The Rosette series proudly celebrates the family's long standing in the South Australian wine industry since 1837.



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