

THE Hedonist

2021 GSM

The Grenache is taken from two different blocks: 50-year-old vines in McLaren Flat and a younger parcel from Kangarilla. The Shiraz component hails from Blewitt Springs' deep sandy soil, while the Mataro was also sourced from Kangarilla.



VINTAGE

The 2021 ripening season was met with our average rainfall for the first time in at least 3 vintages. Not only did McLaren Vale experience a wet winter, but also a luscious spring and a significantly cooler summer. This created magnificent ripening conditions from fruit set and flowering through version to final ripening. Yields were back up compared with the previous few vintages, coupled with arguably the best quality vintage so far this century. While vintage was long and drawn out, it created a relaxed picking environment and enabled superb balance of natural acidity, texture and tannin in the resulting wines.

WINEMAKING

All the parcels were fermented with indigenous yeast and approximately 15% whole bunches (Grenache), then matured in seasoned French oak and a large format foudre for 12 months. The blend centres around the fruit forward Grenache, with shiraz supporting by adding to the middle palate, while the Mataro completes the blend, adding texture and a kick of spice.

TASTING

Colour	Bright crimson red
Bouquet	Perfumed with lavender, blue fruits, fresh raspberry and a delicate cinnamon note
Palate	Very approachable mid weight, velvety mouthfeel revealing raspberry and blue fruits, as well as more savoury spice, carried by superfine, moreish tannins.

TECHNICAL

Variety	Grenache 68% Shiraz 19% Mataro 13%
Harvested	April 2021
Oak Treatment	Seasoned French oak and a large format French oak foudre for 12 months
Analysis	14% vol, pH: 3.44, TA: 6.0g/L, GF: 0.77g/L