

2021 PENNY'S HILL McLAREN VALE 'SKELETON KEY' SHIRAZ



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A DELIBERATELY LONG-AGED EXPRESSION OF THE CUMULATIVE BEST OF OUR McLAREN VALE VINEYARD SITE, 'SKELETON KEY' IS CELLARED AND CAREFULLY BOTTLE AGED BEFORE IT IS UNLOCKED.
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VARIETALS: Shiraz - 100%

REGION: McLaren Vale

VINEYARD: Slightly higher elevation (140mtrs) means the original Penny's Hill Vineyard enjoys a climate a little cooler than the rest of McLaren Vale. This ensures more consistent temperatures throughout the ripening period, allowing Shiraz to reach optimum ripeness with minimum stress. Planted in 1991 with clone 1654, Penny's Hill Shiraz benefits demonstrably from a high density, narrow-row layout which sees less crop load per vine than is usual in the region.

WINEMAKING: Individual shiraz blocks from the Penny's Hill Vineyard site were harvested and vinified separately to best express the variations in terrior. Blocks were harvested between the 2nd and 9th of March and fruit parcels were fermented on skins in open fermenters for 10 days. Maturation was in the finest French oak puncheons, of which 26% were new and remaining 1-3 year old oak. After 15 months, the wine was barrel selected and blended to best showcase the complexities and diversity of the Penny's Hill Vineyard site.

THE WINE: A true reflection of its terrior, this wine shows perfume and spice, coupled with vibrant red cherry and blue berry fruits and underlying notes of milk chocolate and anise. Subtle oak spice plays a supporting role and adds a layered complexity. The palate has a high level of fruit intensity, showing depth and concentration. This tightly structured wine has great finesse, purity and elegance; its fine tannins have focus, direction and length to charm.

CELLARING: Ready to drink, but will cellar for 8+ years.

WINEMAKER: Alexia Roberts

TECH DETAILS: pH 3.52 | TA 6.67g/L | Alc/vol 14.5%



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