

Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale

Regional Series

2017 Mr. Riggs The Gaffer Shiraz

The Regional Series wines pays homage to whence they came. The aim of all Mr. Riggs wines is to express the essence of the vineyards and varieties.



History

The Gaffer is a tribute to Ben Riggs' great-great-great grandfather, John "The Gaffer" Riggs (1814-1902), who was one of South Australia's most renowned farmers. This McLaren Vale Shiraz was made to acknowledge 150 years of the Riggs family's rich farming heritage in South Australia. "I like to think my interest in the land and passion for its offerings is directly attributable to my farsighted ancestor", says Ben.

Since 2006 The Gaffer Shiraz has unapologetically worn its pink cap in acknowledgement of our partnership with the Flinders Foundation and their fight against cancer. Mr. Riggs Wine Co. has proudly donated \$145,000 towards cancer research through proceeds of the sales of The Gaffer.

Vineyard

Grapes for "The Gaffer" have been sourced from five key vineyards in McLaren Vale; Martins, Gateway, John Rivers, Tim Hunts and Ben Riggs' Piebald Gully vineyard.

2017 was a late and wet vintage in McLaren Vale. Following on from a wet winter, spring and summer were hot, with late budburst. The vines ripened throughout February and harvest began in March. The vines held large canopies with average yields. Above average rainfall in winter led to elegant, refined and delicate fruit.

Wine

The Gaffer Shiraz is a testament to the best of McLaren Vale. A medium weight Shiraz, the style of The Gaffer is soft, flavoursome, and fruit driven. Distinctive McLaren Vale characteristics shine through with a spine of sweet, soft, warm tannins whilst on the palate is crunchy, bright, red berries. A wine worth sharing with good friends to help raise funds for a great cause.

Technical Details

pH:	3.45
TA:	6.50
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	19th December 2018
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs

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