Flagship Series

# <u>Mr. Riggs</u>

McLaren Vale



2015 Mr.Riggs McLaren Vale Shiraz

### History

The McLaren Vale Shiraz was the frist wine Ben Riggs ever made under the Mr. Riggs moniker. First made in 2001 The McLaren Vale Shiraz offers the drinker the best of McLaren Vale.

## Vineyard

The 2015 Mr. Riggs Shiraz is a blend of two great McLaren Vale Shiraz vineyards: Piebald Gully, and Gateway Vineyard. Perhaps one of Australia's most consistent wine growing regions, McLaren Vale enjoys a very Mediterranean climate driven by dominant winter rainfall, low humidity, warm summers, and the moderating influence of the nearby Gulf St Vincent.

Piebald Gully is situated in the coolest sub-region of McLaren Vale, bordering the Adelaide Hills. Planted in deep sand over at the base of Willunga foothills and is virtually dry grown. Gateway Vineyard, so called as it stands just at the entrance to McLaren Vale, is located in the subregion of Seaview. The vines grow on top of a rather unusual amount of limestone rock and has views of the Gulf of St Vincent and the Adelaide Hills. Our Flagship Series is the crème de la crème. It just does not get any better than this.

## Wine

Components of the 2015 Mr. Riggs Shiraz from both vineyards were fermented in traditional open fermenters, and following pressing, finished their fermentation in oak of which approximately 80% was French and the balance American, 35% of which was new oak. Vineyard parcels were kept separate during fermentation and maturation and were blended three months prior to bottling. This is the fifteenth release of Shiraz under the Mr. Riggs label, pristine fruit with dark red berries, hints of spice, earth, tar and leather, with seamlessly integrated oak are the prime characteristics. Ripe tannins are apparent but not overwhelming, meaning this is a wine which can be enjoyed now or in the next 10-15 years.

#### Technical Details

3.54
6.68
14.5%
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1325 cases
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