

2012 Mr. Riggs McLaren Vale Shiraz



Vineyard

The 2012 Mr. Riggs Shiraz is a blend of five great McLaren Vale Shiraz vineyards; Gateway, Piebald Gully, Monapilla Vineyard, Duckchase and Bradens. The vineyards are owned/ managed by five of the best-known McLaren Vale Growers, namely Ben Riggs (Piebald Gully), Paxton's (Gateway), Wright Family (Duckchase), Beal's (Monapilla) and Joch Bosworth (Bradens). 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 ironstone impregnated friable clay and produces late ripening vines and finer, prettier styles of Shiraz. Gateway vineyard located at the entrance of McLaren Vale, a top of a hill overlooking the gulf of St Vincent consistently produces exceptional fruit. Monapilla vineyard resides at the base of Willunga foothills and is virtually dry grown. Duckcase located above Seaview's old holdings to the north of McLaren Vale sits high up overlooking the region. Braden's vineyard which was originally an almond orchard is located near Willunga is one of the Bosworth family's many successful plantings in the region, converted to organic certification contributes to outstanding fruit.

Wine

Components of the 2012 Mr. Riggs Shiraz from all four 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, 40% 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 eleventh 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

pH:	3.49
Acid:	6.69
Alc/Vol:	15%
Bottling date:	16 th January 2014
Production:	494 six packs
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs