

PAXTON

BATERISTA SHIRAZ

McLAREN VALE

2022



At Paxton Wines, we've been cultivating our family-owned vineyards in McLaren Vale, South Australia, since 1979. As pioneers in organic and biodynamic winemaking, we are proud to produce wines that reflect the purity and vitality of the land.

Led by Viticulturist David Paxton and Winemakers Ashleigh Seymour and Kate Goodman, we combine decades of expertise with a deep commitment to sustainable practices. Certified organic and biodynamic since 2011, our approach integrates natural preparations and composts to restore balance to the soil and vines, resulting in exceptionally pure fruit.

Our philosophy is simple: wines with life, crafted from healthy, thriving vines.

VARIETY: 100% Shiraz **VINEYARD:** Jones Block

COLOUR: Deep ruby with violet tinges

AROMA: A powerful opening, like the first notes of a Killers' anthem – bold blackberries and blackcurrants lead the charge. Hints of mocha and the earthy touch of thyme and rosemary unfold like the intricate layers of a well-crafted song. Fine, toasty oak adds richness, wrapping around the fruit like the steady beat of a drum.

PALATE: Full-bodied and commanding, this wine is like *Mr. Brightside* in a bottle – vibrant, energetic, and intense. Concentrated dark fruit flavors of blackberry and plum pulse through, while silky tannins and a touch of black pepper bring rhythm to the palate. The finish is long and smooth, like the fading echoes of a killer track, with lingering notes of dark chocolate and dried herbs, all underscored by the warmth of new oak, leaving you wanting more.

MUSIC MATCH: All the things that I've done—The Killers

DRINK: GOOD: Winter 2026 BETTER: Winter 2029 BEST: 2029–2034

VINTAGE: Well, you thought 2021 was good but I bet you hadn't heard about 2022 yet! With most of the country experiencing extreme La Niña conditions, in McLaren Vale we were hit with the lucky stick and enjoyed plenty of soil moistening rain through the winter but no extreme events. Budburst was a breath of new life after a long cool Winter and conditions were ideal up to flowering where things went a bit haywire. Crazy Melbourne type weather blew a lot of the flowers away before they could turn into fruit... but less fruit, more quality and coming off a bumper 2021 vintage it helped balance things out. We had a lovely cool summer, which helped ripening happen nice and slow, just the way we like it. Vintage was well spread out with fine days through most of March allowing us to choose when to pick and preserve stunning, natural acidity.

VINIFICATION: Delicately selected and hand-picked in the cool of the morning, destemmed with care and fermented in small-batch open fermenters for up to 30 days on skins. Pressed straight into high calibre French oak for a minimum of 18 months, only the most spectacular barrels are selected by the winemakers and Ronni Vannucci Jnr. himself, for this exclusive blend. Another 18 months ageing in bottle before release with only 864 bottles produced.

ALCOHOL: 14.5%



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