

PAXTON

BATERISTA SHIRAZ McLAREN VALE 2020



VARIETY: 100% Shiraz

VINEYARD: Jones Block

COLOUR: Royal Velvet

AROMA: This Shiraz emanates sophistication with its nuanced aromas. Boysenberry jam and dried cranberries intertwine with subtle notes of thyme, clove, and sandalwood from delicate French oak aging. It's like the opening chords of a favourite song, building anticipation with each note.

PALATE: Picture yourself in McLaren Vale, surrounded by vineyards in the heart of winter. Surprisingly buoyant, with a hint of gravelly tannins, this Shiraz envelops the palate with warmth and depth, leaving an enduring impression reminiscent of the rich soil and gentle breeze of the region. It's like the pulsating rhythm of a drumbeat, steady and reassuring, like the heart of a classic tune by The Killers.

MUSIC MATCH: Dying Breed – The Killers

CELLARING – GOOD: Winter 2025 **BETTER:** Winter 2028 **BEST:** 2029–2034

VINTAGE: 2020 posed many challenges throughout Australia. Another intense drought year through the growing season was followed by one of the most devastating bushfire seasons this country has ever seen. Fortunately McLaren Vale was largely unaffected by this devastation and the early signs indicate 2020 to be a very special vintage; one to savour. Moderate weather throughout the harvest period, combined with lower yields allowed the flavours to develop harmoniously and in balance. Varietal expression was excellent with the wines showing intense flavour without excessive tannin or alcohol. Tempranillo and Graciano are showing lovely bright fruit and pepper characters and it will be intriguing to see how they develop after time in bottle.

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 20 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 winemaker for this exclusive blend. Another two years ageing in bottle before release with only **768** bottles produced.

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

At Paxton Wines, we have been nurturing our family owned vineyards in McLaren Vale, South Australia, since 1979. We are leaders in organic and biodynamic winemaking.

Viticulturist David Paxton, along with Winemakers Ashleigh Seymour and Kate Goodman have combined their years of experience, and by embracing biodynamic and organic practices (fully certified since 2011), are producing the healthiest of vines.

Through the use of natural preparations and composts, the soil and vine are able to find the perfect balance. The end result is exceptionally pure fruit and "Wines with Life".



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