



Dandelion Vineyards

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Firehawk McLaren Vale Shiraz 2022

Our Firehawk Shiraz is our finest McLaren Vale Vineyard



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Background

Dandelion Vineyards is a unique fusion of vineyards and vigneron. Our wines represent decades of experience, blending the fruit of our old vine gardens with the finest traditions of artisan winemaking.

Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time. Our wish is to nurture the unique character of these vineyards and express their terroir in our wines.

Capturing variety, vintage and vineyard requires an enlightened approach and although our growers see the Devil in every weed, we encourage the humble Dandelion amongst the vines as they suppress winter weeds, provide mulch in summer, and proffer their Wishing Clocks in spring to blow off to make our wish come true.

Our Firehawk Shiraz from McLaren Vale is a single vineyard perched atop an ancient ridge overlooking McLaren Vale, the Willunga Escarpment and the Gulf of St Vincent, Firehawk is our Native Bird of Prey that soar over our vineyards acting as scarecrows to other birds, rabbits and the like that eat ripening grapes.

Selected bunches were hand picked by family and friends in early March and gently crushed into open top fermenters. After 14 days fermentation the wine was then basket pressed into French oak Barriques, a third new, the balance seasoned, followed by 18 months maturation with minimal winemaking artefact before bottling, to capture the essence of the vineyard. This wine will reward cellaring and decanting.

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Zar Brooks, *Typist & tba,*

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Adelaide Winemaker

Tasting Notes

Colour

Purple-black, at night, lit by moonlight.

Nose

Plums and prunes and spice - a warm and welcoming exotica. Hints of harder herbs and laurel. But that is the thing: all the aromatics are always hinting, they are in certain ways muted; they don't shout and scream, but they are there.

Palate

There is a flowing and almost creamy texture to this red wine's taste and texture. The tannins are very low-fi, but building and consistent; they are everywhere, but quietly so. The dark and black berry fruit flavours are melded and mellowing - all plum fresh and plum dried and then mulberry juice on stained hands. The acid backbone keeps the wine piquant and smart, and keeps the dark berry fruit flavours coiled and trigger-ready. Pepper and spice creep in. A grown-up red wine for wine drinkers of all ages.

Drink

Steak Diane, or Steak au Poivre - dishes not dissimilar in many ways - are both well suited to the measured generosity of this red wine. Whatever the occasion, serve the wine at cellar temperature, however, as this will help highlight the darker and blacker berry fruit flavours and acidity.

Specifics

Composition: 100% Shiraz
Alcohol: 14.5%
TA 6.65 g/L
pH: 3.45

