

Lion's Den of McLaren Vale Shiraz 2019

Dandelion Vineyards wish you were here...

Our Lion's Den is our Big Game McLaren Vale Shiraz



Background

Dandelion Vineyards is a unique fusion of vineyards and vignerons. 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 Lion's Den of McLaren Vale is sourced from the foothills of McLaren Vale. After hand picking whole bunches of our Lion's Den of McLaren Vale Shiraz in the last week of March our winemaker Elena Brooks gently crushed the fruit in open top fermenters. After a 12 day fermentation the wine was basket pressed into some new but predominately older French Oak barriques, to the mature for a further 20 months in the same oak, before bottling without fining or filtration to capture the essence of the vineyard. Although ready to drink the Lion's Den of McLaren Vale Shiraz will also reward cellaring and decanting.

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Specifics

Composition: 100% Shiraz Alcohol: 14.5%

Elena Brooks, BSc (Oenology)

Wish you were here... Zar Brooks, *Typist & tba*,

Tasting Notes

Colour

Deep purple with hints of violet on the edges, indicating youth.

Nose

Impressive purity of fruit showing lush scents of summer pudding with lifted red fruits, berries and a hit of cinnamon. Black cherries, Damson plums, mulberries and milk chocolate undertones.

Palate

Generous mouth filling sweet blackberry, raspberry and plums cover the palate with lashings of sweet spice.

Drink

Perfect partner for the casual lunch in relaxed settings. The wine is suitable to a wide range of food, from he freshly caught seafood to a rich pasta dish and red meat in spring herbs.

