



# HEIRLOOM VINEYARDS

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## 2022 MCLAREN VALE SHIRAZ

Heirloom Vineyards was conceived in vintage 2000, when a young winemaking student caught the eye of a silly old wine judge. A love story ensued inspired by two vows: To preserve the best of tradition, the old world of wine and our unique old vineyards and to champion the best clones of each variety planted in the most appropriate sites embracing the principals of organic and biodynamic farming. Seven long vintages of trial and error passed before Heirloom Vineyards could make a wine that was fine enough to pass on to future generations. That is this wine.

This Heirloom Vineyards Shiraz was sourced from hand tended vines, sorted bunch by bunch, naturally open fermented, with gentle pumping over to extract colour, flavour and tannin. Aged in some new but mainly 3 and 4 year old American and French oak barrels for 16 months.

## OUR WINE NOTES

Shiraz can be a simple sip or a symphony of the senses, a moment of pleasure or an eternity of contemplation. Only the poet can know, so stop thinking and surrender.

## COLOUR

Transylvanian black-purple, freshly bitten.

## AROMA

Shaved white chocolate and then some liqueur chocolate. Green fresh hard herbs, fennel and aniseed. Ripe plums at dawn, and some dried plums and dates. Oh, and all of the peppercorns: green, black, pink, white - and all freshly ground. Lurking behind all of this is the hint of the oak barrel: a distant and vague hint of molasses, as if just over the aromatic horizon.

## PALATE

Velvet-like at first sip, then textural, complete with a sort of lush, plush tannic screen. This red wine offers a long loop of flavours, yet all of them end in an ultimately dry finish. From red currant to blackcurrant; raisin to black olive; green herbs to tawny port. This is grainy and mouth-filling and coating, then comes the dry finish, with its peppery and savoury and acidic send-off.

## OVERALL

The second glass evolves so much from the first, so give this red wine some air and some time; also throw serious food at it: all types of offal, or simple barbeque pork spare ribs. The wine rises to the challenge.

Alcohol 14.5% (8.6 Standard Drinks)

WINEMAKERS Elena Brooks & Alexandra Haselich

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