



HEIRLOOM VINEYARDS

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2022 MCLAREN VALE TOURIGA

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 Touriga was produced from our best McLaren Vale Vineyard whose clones and viticulture embody the very best in cutting edge but old school viticulture and winemaking. Hand tended vines, sorted bunch by bunch, naturally open fermented, basket-pressed and matured in French oak, 20% new, for 7 months.

OUR WINE NOTES

Touriga 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

Dracula's best velvet dinner jacket; bright and alive.

AROMA

Blueberry, rosemary, lavender, bramble, blackberry and intense cassis. Floral and alluring yet also dangerous. Bright, primary red and dark berry aromatics sign off.

PALATE

Balletic. Balletic? Touriga? Yes. The mainstay of Portuguese red and fortified wines is a dancer. More fado than Vintage Port, more Lisbon in autumn than Oporto in the Winter. Remarkably drinkable, with a lightness and deftness that betrays the variety's reputation. Structure and balance and - and - acidity. Super-fine tannins complete the spell.

OVERALL

Such a handsomely pretty red wine demands open doors and eating under the trees and too many platters of too much boldly flavoured food, all at ambient temperature. Yet in the middle of Winter, a pork spare rib? The height of summer, ice in the glass and some brandade on good bread at about 11.30am, before it gets too hot.

Alcohol 13.6% (8.0 Standard Drinks)

WINEMAKERS Elena Brooks & Alexandra Haselich

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