



## Lion's Tooth of McLaren Vale Shiraz Riesling 2021

**Dandelion Vineyards**  
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Lion's Tooth is a long forgotten but timeless Australian blend rejuvenated



### 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 artisanal 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 and make our wish come true.

Whole bunches from our most distinctive Shiraz from the Pieri family's Vineyard were hand harvested in the second week of March and fermented on stalks in open fermenters on top of some Riesling skins for eleven days, hand plunged twice a day, before careful basket pressing into some new but predominantly older French Oak Barriques to finish fermentation and enhance the wine's perfume and palate.

After 16 months maturation and a racking in the same oak, we bottled this Lion's Tooth with minimal winemaking artefact, to capture the essence of the vineyard.

Dandelion Vineyard's Lion's Tooth is ready to drink and will reward cellaring and decanting.

Vale Signore Mario Pieri, Vintage 1946-2011, winery big boss

### Wish you were here...

Elena Brooks, *BSc (Oenology)*  
Adelaide Winemaker  
Zar Brooks, *Typist & tba*

### Tasting Notes

#### Colour

Grainy, bright, pert, natural and alluring in colour.

#### Nose

Earth and plums and spice redolent of shiraz grown so well, but then a starbright burst of riesling's innate and undeniable minerality and freshness and lifted aromaticity. Shiraz settles back in, with some white chocolate and some beetroot (cooked); herbs both fresh and dried; eucalypt, blueberry, and some cinnamon. Aromas from fruit sing highest; oak's bouquet a quiet background note.

#### Palate

That grainy element continues into the taste of this red wine, and its texture. Shiraz tannins add depth, tone, mood, atmosphere. Shiraz fruit and berry flavours are smooth and savoury - with that riesling highlight once again singing falsetto from off-stage. Plums and blackberry, mulberry and nutmeg. A long and evenly-keeled red wine that points high and yet is also subtly beamy.

#### Drink

A pot-roasted chicken for two? Cook it with fennel and garlic and onion and celery and a dash of vinegar and a knife-point of mild smoked paprika. Cous-cous as the ballast.

#### Specifics

*Composition:* 92% Shiraz, 8% Riesling

*Alcohol:* 13.8%

*TA:* 6.64 g/L

*pH:* 3.45

*Latitude* 35°13'44" South

*Longitude* 138°33'13" East

*Altitude* 281 = 86 Metres



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