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McLaren Vale

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Battle Axe Sparkling Shiraz

Our Flagship Series is the crème de la crème. It just does not get any better than this.

History

New to the Flagship Series, the Battle Axe Sparling Shiraz has been a work in progress for quite some time. With some key evolutionary changes to this Sparkling Shiraz helping to premiumise the wine, the Battle Axe is an incredibly luxurious Sparkling Shiraz. Just like Ben's beautiful mother-in-law, who he fondly refers to as 'The Battle Axe', the sparkling wine has aged beautifully, and certainly hasn't lost any of its prettiness or striking features.

Vineyard

The base wine for Battle Axe is built from mature, premium McLaren Vale Shiraz, from a number of vintages and vineyards. This wine is not about single site expression, but about selecting the right, complex and aged material with no oak influence to blend together to make a specific style of sparkling Shiraz.

Tendered carefully throughout the ferment process, the interesting aromatic reds from a broad selection of McLaren Vale vineyards are used to give great mouth feel resulting in a lush, delicious, friendly and balanced wine.

Wine

Following traditions unique to our region, this sparkling builds its base from mature, developed Mclaren Vale Shiraz and is combined with a tiny batch of older Grenache that gives it both lift and spice. This is then finished off with a small batch of fortified vintage Shiraz from Ben's prized Piebald Vineyard, which brings the subtle sweetness to an otherwise rich and complex wine.

Aiming for style and profile, the wine offers luscious layers of spice and dark berry fruits, balanced with a peppery undercurrent. The wine style is lovely in nature, soft yet complex, and chilling it brings out the natural sweetness from the vintage fortified. The Battle Axe is an ideal aperitif and is most definitely is not limited to special occasions.

Technical Details

pH:	3.35
TA:	5.52
Alc/Vol:	12.5%
Bottling date:	6th May 2018
Production:	1000 six packs
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs