

Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale

Generation Series

2021 Mr. Riggs The Magnet Grenache

The old and the new, the past and the future, this Generation Series captures my approach to selecting and making the wines I love.

Cheers,



History

Having always wanted to make a Grenache and a variety that is making its own cult following in the region, I was drawn to a parcel of McLaren Vale fruit in which 100-year-old Grenache vines were destined to be bulldozed. After witnessing the destruction of the 'Vine Pull Scheme' of the 1980's where a majority of old vine Grenache was decimated in the region, I was determined to make sure these gnarly old vines were set to live longer.....the rest they say is history.

Vineyard

The 100-year-old dry grown Grenache vines are located at 'Dogridge Vineyard' in the McLaren Vale region. Approximately 1 hectare of single wire trellis with wide spur spacing to keep yields low, the fruit exposed to sunlight and good air flow around the bunches. The vines are planted in the alluvial soil of the Kurrangong geology formation, this well-drained soil is optimal for growing Grenache.

These old vines are low yielding, but each bunch provides a concentrated array of flavours from ripe cherries to plums and blackberries. Hand picked, 15% whole bunches were put into a 5 tonne open fermenter with the remaining 85% crushed onto the top of the Grenache bunches. A daily program of pump overs assists in the partial carbonic maceration which adds complexity to the wine.

Wine

Enticing raspberry perfume, laden with cherries, liquorice and savoury notes fill the nose. Vibrant earthy plum with hints of spice of cumin, wooden bark and chocolate round the palate and give it an unctuous mouth feel. As the name suggests, 'The Magnet' captures the spirit of my second born son, who naturally seems to attract things (both good and bad). The chemistry continued through the winemaking process for the 2021 vintage, resulting in a vibrant and generous wine, very typical of McLaren Vale Grenache. A fine tribute to a fine young man; and a perfect homage to a perfect find.

Technical Details

pH:	3.45
TA:	6.35
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	7th April 2022
Production:	722 6 packs
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs