

Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale



Generation Series



2022 Mr. Riggs Yacca Paddock Tempranillo

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

After discovering Scott Hicks and Kerry Heysen-Hicks' Yacca Paddock vineyard located in the Kuitpo sub-region of the Adelaide Hills, the Tempranillo provided too good an opportunity to pass up. The rest is history.

Vineyard

Planted in 2000, vines are east facing with site temperatures some 2.5 degrees cooler on average than McLaren Vale which is just 5km away.

Vines are on old podsolc soils over an ironstone/gravel base and planted to a reasonably high density on a single cordon. With elevation of 350-375 metres above sea level, and an annual rainfall in the vicinity of 825mm. The vineyard is elevated and offers consistent cooling breezes, ensures healthy canopies, and allows the vines to avoid the extremes of summer temperature and develop complex varietal characters.

2022 was a cool vintage for the Adelaide Hills, there was excellent rainfall throughout winter and mild conditions in spring. A dry and mild summer led to almost perfect ripening conditions, allowing for excellent flavour development and great natural acidity.

Wine

The 2022 Mr. Riggs Yacca Paddock Tempranillo was fermented in a 5 tonne open fermenter, resting on skins for 7 days, followed by pressing. Fermentation was completed in 33% new French oak with the balance 2 year old French oak. Post malo, the wine was left on its gross lees for a couple of months to add texture and creaminess to the palate. A wonderfully textural, stylish wine, with natural fruit sweetness and elegance, Yacca Paddock Tempranillo is in its 21st vintage and characteristically displays savoury tannins, dried herb undertones, and highlights sweet tart red cherry flavours. Drink with food.

Technical Details

pH:	3.6
TA:	5.80
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	14th April 2023
Production:	500 6 packs
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs

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