



2012 'The Heir' Syrah

Tasting Note

The Heir is our young pretender – first made to celebrate the coming of age of our most precious Shiraz vines. Showcasing our uniquely elegant style, The Heir is a perfect balance of power and restraint. Savour its heady flavours of cassis and mocha, its classic earthy undertones, its subtle smoky French oak notes, all interwoven with a fine tannic structure. Enjoy in its youth or appreciate its softer side in years to come – the choice is yours.

Varietal: Syrah

Vintage: 2012

Region: McLaren Vale

ALC/VOL: 14.5%

Winemaker: Scott Rawlinson

Our Vineyards

Fruit for The Heir comes from a single block at the top of our steep 64 acre vineyard, located in the southern foothills of the McLaren Vale region. Its unique position, just 2km away from the coast of the Gulf St Vincent, allows the vines to benefit from a maritime climate with cooling afternoon sea breezes coming in from the south west. These breezes prevent our fruit from over-ripening so that we are able to produce elegant wines that balance rich primary fruit flavours with the characteristic earthiness and minerality associated with the region.

Winemaking Notes

'The Heir' is produced from a blend of some of our finest barrels of Syrah fruit using traditional labour-intensive methods. The 2012 vintage was matured for a period of 2 years in fine-grained French oak hogsheads (35% new) prior to careful blending and bottling. The wine is neither fined nor filtered to allow the integrity and unique flavour profile of the fruit to shine through.

Vintage Overview

The 2012 vintage in McLaren Vale was characterised by low yields of excellent quality. Cool nights and warm days during February and March provided ideal conditions for fruit development and as a result our wines from this vintage are rich, with great depth of flavour and plenty of varietal character.

Accolades

Double Gold – Melbourne International Wine Competition 2015

95 Points – James Halliday's Wine Companion

"Excellent retention of deep crimson hue; the complex bouquet runs through the gamut of regional fruit, the goal posts spice, dark chocolate and Christmas cake, the finish notably fresh and vibrant."

