

Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale



Generation Series

2014 Mr. Riggs The Elder Fortified Shiraz



The old and the new, the past and the future, this Generation Series captures my new approach to selecting and making the wines I love. For me, it's simply that Black and white.

History

Elder [Eld-er] noun: an influential leader or senior figure in a tribe. Mr. Riggs Fortified Shiraz makes you sit up and pay attention. Just how my father liked it. Ben Riggs' father was born in 1926, and held true the old-school values of autocracy and leadership. He was stubborn and opinionated, but Ben respected him immensely. His early passing instilled in Ben a sense of 'living every day to the fullest.'

Vineyard

The provenance of the grapes is from Ben's own Piebald Gully in Clarendon, sub-region of McLaren Vale. The fruit was crushed to an open fermenter, then fortified on skins, which halts fermentation and extracts striking colour and tannin.

Wine

This Fortified Shiraz has Ben Riggs' father's backbone – solid, structured and present. It has style and elegance, like the great ports of the world. The wine is framed by its complex perfume driven by spicy, cool climate Shiraz, and aged low strength brandy spirit used in the fortification.

Respect The Elder by cellaring it for up to 30 years. Or drink now, if you dare.

Technical Details

pH:	3.53
Acid:	5.90
Alc/Vol:	18.5%
Bottling date:	20th August 2015
Production:	380 cases
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs

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