

Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale



Flagship Series

2012 Mr. Riggs The Chap Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon McLaren Vale / Coonawarra

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

History

The Chap is Mr. Riggs' new Icon wine, added to the Flagship Series as an homage to past blending masters that were hugely influential when Ben Riggs began in the wine industry.

Vineyard

The 2012 Mr. Riggs 'The Chap' is an interregional blend of two great vineyards; Ben's own Piebald Gully Vineyard in McLaren Vale and Weatherall Vineyards in Coonawarra.

Piebald Gully is situated in the coolest sub-region of McLaren Vale, Clarendon, bordering the Adelaide Hills. Planted in deep sand over clay, the vineyard is late ripening and virtually dry grown, producing an elegant and refined style of Shiraz.

The Weatherall Vineyards site is located in the northern end of the region and is traditionally some of the earlier ripening blocks with low yields and excellent concentration. Generally, this area is flat: its maximum elevation just 58 meters above sea level. The variation, however, lies in the different soil depths ranging from red-brown clay loam to brown sand loam, all over limestone, producing some of Australia's best Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine

Components of the 2012 Mr. Riggs The Chap were fermented in traditional open fermenters, and following pressing, finished their fermentation in oak; approximately 80% was French and the balance American, 35% of which was new oak. Vineyard parcels were kept separate during fermentation and maturation and were blended three months prior to bottling. With a full two years in barrel the wine was then bottle aged and released when near its prime. The wine is fine, elegant, stylish and structured akin to a traditional blend. Enjoy now, or cellar for another 10 years.

Technical Details

PH:	3.48
TA:	6.45
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	13th January 2014
Production:	678 3 packs
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