

Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale

Regional Series

2017 Mr. Riggs Piebald Syrah

The Regional Series is all about paying homage to whence they came. After all, the aim of all Mr. Riggs wines is to express the essence of the vineyard and varieties.



History

Mr Riggs has a simple and personal vision, 'black and white' if you like, to make wine that Ben Riggs himself loves to drink - Winemaker's wine. As it happens, this wine too is black and white, also known as Piebald; a fermentation of blackest of black 'Syrah' (Shiraz). Thus the reason for introducing 'Piebald' to the label.

Vineyard

Piebald was first released as a Shiraz Viognier in 2003, with the fruit sourced from vineyards in McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills. The wine has evolved to be 100% Adelaide Hills Shiraz, made in the cool climate Syrah style. The Piebald fruit is sourced from Yacca Paddock vineyard, owned by Scott Hicks and Kerry Heysen-Hicks.

Vines are on old podsolic 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, Yacca Paddock qualifies as a premium cool climate Adelaide Hills vineyard. Yacca Paddock's elevated position overlooking the Gulf of St Vincent offers consistent cooling breezes, ensures healthy canopies and allows the vines to avoid the extremes of summer temperature and develop complex varietal characters.

Wine

Deep violet framed with the intense reds of the edge of a sunset. A hazy fume of all the darker fruits of the forest combined with the fresh turned earth from which they have grown; lusty, intense and fine. Violets protrude to the point of pollen and return visits to the glass discover anise and dried spice. All the flirting of fragrance is followed and multiplied on the palate. Resounding, total, and intense this wine shrouds both the palate and the moment. A partner of age, waiting will not wither this depth laden wine. Should impatience still grip, a glass will reward with immense primary and the distinct character of site - a privilege of position at the summit of the Vale.

Technical Details

pH:	3.48
TA:	6.45
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	12th September 2018
Production:	1300 6 packs
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs

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