

# Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale



## Regional Series

### 2020 Mr. Riggs The Gaffer Shiraz



The Regional Series wines pays homage to whence they came. The aim of all Mr. Riggs wines is to express the essence of the vineyards and varieties.

## History

The Gaffer is a tribute to Ben Riggs' great-great-great grandfather, John "The Gaffer" Riggs (1814-1902), who was one of South Australia's most renowned farmers. This McLaren Vale Shiraz was made to acknowledge 150 years of the Riggs family's rich farming heritage in South Australia. "I like to think my interest in the land and passion for its offerings is directly attributable to my farsighted ancestor", says Ben.

Since 2006 The Gaffer Shiraz has unapologetically worn its pink cap in acknowledgement of our partnership with the Flinders Foundation and their fight against cancer. Mr. Riggs Wine Co. has proudly donated \$176,000 towards cancer research through proceeds of the sales of The Gaffer.

## Vineyard

Grapes for "The Gaffer" have been sourced from five key vineyards in McLaren Vale; Martins, Gateway, John Rivers, Tim Hunts and Ben Riggs' Piebald Gully vineyard.

2020 was a positive vintage in McLaren Vale. Winter rainfall was below average, followed by a mild start to spring which meant careful vineyard management was required. December was unseasonably hot, the hottest on record, however January received three consecutive days of rain and alleviated stress on the vines and veraison begun. The ripening period was long and cool, helping improve fruit quality and retain natural acidity levels. Although low crops, quality is outstanding with concentrated flavour.

## Wine

The Gaffer Shiraz is a testament to the best of McLaren Vale. A medium weight Shiraz, the style of The Gaffer is soft, flavoursome, and fruit driven. Distinctive McLaren Vale characteristics shine through with a spine of sweet, soft, warm tannins whilst on the palate is crunchy, bright, red berries. A wine worth sharing with good friends to help raise funds for a great cause.

## Technical Details

pH:	3.52
TA:	6.30
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	19th August 2021
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs

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