

# LECONFIELD

McLAREN VALE

2020 McLaren Vale Shiraz



## 2020 Vintage

**Colour:** Full deep red.

**Bouquet:** Black olive and Satsuma plum fruits with integrated oak that provides a subtle fresh roasted coffee background.

**Palate:** The rich Shiraz fruits with fine textured long tannins provide persistence to this full bodied, yet elegant wine. Acidity is soft and round to give palate succulence.

**Food Suggestions:** Best with full flavoured meals. Roast lamb, warm lentil salad, mild curry.

**Cellaring Potential:** Very approachable at release, the wine has the structure to mature and develop over 8-10 years or more.



## Technical Notes

Our 'Farm' block just to the south of the McLaren Vale township provides the black loam soil over clay that limits yields and encourages small berries to produce the rich Shiraz fruit for this wine. Harvesting was at night to take advantage of cooler temperatures. All components were fermented to dryness and allowed extended maceration on skins before pressing. The oak used for maturation was predominantly new and used French with some second use American to aid the perception of fruit sweetness and a light fining polished the soft tannin structure.

**Variety:** Shiraz

**Region:** McLaren Vale

**Vine Age:** 19-33 years

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Sugar at Picking:** 14.6-14.8° Baumé

**PH:** 3.56

**Acidity:** 6.6gms/litre

**Residual Sugar:** 0.83 gms/litre

**Malolactic:** 100%

**Yeast Type:** Saccharomyces cerevisiae

**Oak Treatment:** 100% 15% new French oak, 20% 1 year old French oak hogsheads. 15 months oak.

## Background

Leconfield is situated in the heart of Australia's famous Coonawarra with its rich Terra Rosa soil over limestone providing the ideal environment for growing premium Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyard was founded in 1974 by pioneering oenologist Sydney Hamilton who at 76 years of age had the ambition to produce the classic Australian red wine. Today the estate remains a family wine business owned by Dr Richard and Jette Hamilton. The Hamilton family have been growing grapes and wine in Australia since 1837.

Winemakers: Paul Gordon & Greg Foster

Winegrower: Dr Richard Hamilton

## Vintage Conditions

Lower than average yields due to weather conditions at flowering. McLaren Vale's rainfall was slightly above average with a warmer July and a cooler. One very hot day on 20th November affected just flowering vines with cool, windy conditions into mid-December affected fruitfulness. Very hot conditions in the last half of December pushed the average maximum. Good rain events in January helped relieve the dry December. Both January and February were cooler than average providing a longer ripening period without any extremes. Relatively mild conditions continued into March provided ideal harvest conditions. From modest yield, fruit quality is very good and displays good intensity with elegance.

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