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**McLaren Vale Wines**

The area has over 140 vineyards and over 88 cellar doors. Known for its dry red grape varieties McLaren Vale was established on French classics but today winemakers are increasingly looking to varieties from warm Iberian and Mediterranean regions for inspiration. It is one of the most dynamic and exciting wine regions in Australia today. Whilst Shiraz is still 54% of the total crush, it is Australia's leading Grenache producing region producing delicious regional wines of natural fruit character, balance and harmony, regardless of variety and or style. This may in part be due to McLaren Vale being an incredibly ancient land with an unusually diverse range of soils and underlying rock formations (40 unique terroirs) that are capable of imbuing the wines with very individualistic characters.


**Wine 1 Coriole Fiano 2017 13 % \$ 25.00**

This rare Old Roman low yielding variety was planted in 2001 by Mark Lloyd who has a reputation as a pioneer of new varieties. 15% of this vintage is barrel fermented in older French Hogsheads Clean flavour with aromatics and high natural acidity. Bright aromas of white peach, pear, passion fruit flower and honeysuckle. A mouth filling palate of honeydew melon, and ripe citrus, namely mandarin. It is fresh and youthful, textural and mouth-watering. **Gold medal and Trophy for Best in McLaren Vale 2017 Wine Show.** Drink to 2020 5 

**Wine 2 Hugh Hamilton Floozie Sangiovese Rose 2017 13.5 % \$22.00**

Australia's oldest wine family (180 yrs) Grown with minimal interference and added water on a limited parcel of alluvial Biscay clay in the Church vineyard for concentrated berry flavour. Tuscan variety of salmon pink colour. Crisp acidity and fresh flavours with a refreshing dry palate. The nose has hints of strawberry and light florals; white rose, fresh linen, and peach blossom. A fragrant drop strawberries and raspberries on the nose. A racy, dry wine with a mouthful of flavour and hints of apples and cherries throughout. Drink the year of release 5 

**\*Wine 3 Yangarra Grenache Old Vines 2016 14.5% \$35.00**

Biodynamic Blewitt Springs vineyard. Only has threshold sulphur from 72 year old, dry farmed vines grown on weathered sands 200m above sea level. Handpicked with 50% whole berries, no pressings. Wild yeast open ferment, 10 months maturation in 100% older French oak, with no fining just filtration. Peter Fraser was Winemaker of Year 2016 ( Halliday). Soft start with complex flavours emerging of raspberries, red currants and plum with background tannins and an earthiness and spice notes on decanting. Vibrant and elegant, and beautifully structured. Drink to 2029, **95 points, James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2018** 5 

**Wine 4 Coriole Dancing Fig Mouvedre 60% Grenache 25% Shiraz 15% 2016 14.3% \$25.00**

Vibrant colour and aromatic nose. Lingering tannins acidity and long finish A Classic blend with trademark nuts and honey smell of Mataro, along with berries, spice. Sourced from several local family vineyards. The Mouvedre at Willunga on slate soil and Shiraz/grenache North of McLaren Vale on Terra Rossa. Minimal sulphites added. 5 ★

**Wine 5 S C Pannell Touriga Cabernet Mataro 2015 13.9 % \$45.00 (Sold out)**

Touriga is a Portuguese variety co-fermented with Cabernet and Mataro grapes from a single vineyard - wine that came about because all these grapes ripened at the same time A medium to full bodied wine with aromatic violets of Touriga and smooth with black cherries, blackcurrant, marshmallow, mint and dusty tannins of Cabernet and Mataro. Drink to 2023. Halliday-96 points. 5 ★

**Wine 6 Olivers Taranga Corrina's Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 14.5% \$32.00**

Sixth generation winemakers (over 175 years) Co-fermented small batch (7600 bottles) only made in years when both varieties reach optimum ripeness at harvest. Superb red purple colour. Smoky toasty notes with bright black fruits and tarry spice. Rich mulberry and chocolate, slippery texture, lively acidity and crunchy tannins. Concentrated rich fruit flavours and fine grained savoury tannin characters create a generous palate. Drink to 2034. Halliday 95 points 5 ★

**Wine 7 Hugh Hamilton Black Ops Shiraz 66% Saperavi 34% 2016 14.5 % \$29.25**

Saperavi is ancient Georgian red grape. This is a teinturier (red juice) grape, with high acidity. Ideal for blending to create a full flavoured elegant wine where the tannins of both merge well. Brilliant violet red colour. Lush fruit and density comes from the Shiraz, while the Saperavi brings structure, depth and spice flavour. Cherry wood gives way to cherry fruit and woody spices and a pleasing tartness of a morello cherry. Drink to 2021. 5 ★

**\*Wine 8 Battle of Bosworth Best of Vintage 2014 Shiraz 90% Petit Verdot 10% 14.5 % \$ 50.00**

Joch Bosworth is winemaker .Vineyard was planted in 1970's by his parents. Grown on silt loams over clay in Willunga to east of McLaren Vale. All are organic wines minimal no sulphur dioxide. Picked in 2014. Individually fermented in open vessels and then finished off the ferment in barrels. The Petit Verdot spent a further time on skins. Into bottle in 2015 to mature before release." The nose reveals dark red fruits with cedar characters over black fruit (blackberry and mulberry). Fresh clean and bright palate with seriously good fruit. Creamy oak characters are in there too. Terrific length, persistence and presence. Cellar or decant to enjoy now. 5 ★

**"a medium-bodied blend that is at once juicy and textured, with blackberry and dark cherry fruit both contributing; long, with balanced oak and ripe tannins. Great stuff. 95 points Halliday 2018**

**Wine 9 Graeme Stevens Fortified Shiraz 2016 20 % \$ 25.00**

Graham has been making wine since 1970's for others, then from his own vineyard, for himself. After retirement he began again in 2005. He has 50 awards from the last 2 seasons of wines. He makes small batches only available from Cellar door and 4 businesses. For this wine he uses grape spirit; and there's no barrel aging involved. Bright purple in colour with a delicate bouquet of earthy aromas followed by richness of blueberries and blackberries. The feel is full, rich, complex and luscious. The sweetness beautifully balanced with lively acidity; the wine has solid structure and light and soft tannins. The palate is full of sweet cherries, dried plums, raisins and dried apricot with a hint of sweet black currant marmalade and blackberries. The powerful purity of fruit was beautifully integrated with strong note of spices. Finish was long with pure dried plum- a multiplicity of flavours

NB .2017 won International Judge's Trophy McLaren Vale 2017 Wine Show