

HUGH HAMILTON

THE RASCAL

2017

Hugh Hamilton is the 5th generation of a large wine dynasty and is regarded as the black sheep of the family.

His daughter and 6th generation of the family, Mary, continues the legacy, making us Australia's Oldest Wine Family.

The Black Sheep experience is extraordinary. Hugh is the master of a most reprobate range of varieties from the classics to the more eclectic. When it comes to tasting our wines, you can expect to enjoy the difference.

STORY

"Shiraz and McLaren Vale". A famous pairing. Are there others? The Royal Family and Corgis? Gin and Tonic? Bogart and Bacall? But why the connection? Pedigree and history: the variety has shown its suitability for so long to the region's maritime but warm climate, and old yet well-preserved soils, that it's hard to imagine one without the other. Shiraz in McLaren Vale grows well, always ripens, and with correct vineyard management, produces wines of great depth, flavour and structure.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

While we love and respect the notion of single-vineyard wines, 'The Rascal' benefits from being a blend of several sites. It is sourced from the black clay adjacent our cellar door, the sands of Blewitt Springs, and the red stony soil of our Church Vineyard on McMurtrie Road.

BOUQUET AND PALATE

Slurpy, plush, and lush – but assertive too. Packed with brambly dark fruit; blueberry, mulberry and black berry. Black tea leaves and vanilla. Violets and irises. Fleshy, sweet and meaty like a slab of steak. Chewy texture, rolling with fruit and oak, grounded with the subtle earthiness of fresh turned soil. Big and round in the middle with a satisfyingly long finish.

VARIETAL

Shiraz

COLOUR

Dark cherry, purplish hues

DRINK

Now through 4 years

FOOD MATCH

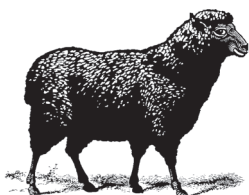
Marbled wagyu, roast beetroot, rocket, and fetta salad.

HARVEST DATE

20th March - 3rd April 2017

BOTTLING DATE

6th October 2018



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CELLAR, CHURCH & BLACK SHEEP VINEYARDS

ANALYSIS: TA: 6.41 G/L | PH: 3.62 | ALC: 14.9% | RS: <2.5G/L