HUGH HAMILTON

BLACK BLOOD II

2023

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

Church Vineyard, so named for the old Bethany Church that it surrounds on three sides, was once the bed of an ancient river. Whatever the flows in the past may have been, this river now trickles quietly along the base of the block. You can taste its mark in the generosity of fruit that typifies this wine.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

There's never enough wine from this block; the phenomenally plush mid palate is useful in almost any Shiraz blend. For me this fruit is truly at the heart of the Vale – both geographically and deliciously.

BOUQUET AND PALATE

A field of florals unfurl; violets, iris and hibiscus. Coal smoke, cacao nibs, and mollases; all darker counterpoints. Basket loads of blackberries in the brambles but no thorns here – all supple and plush. Blues begin to peek from the black that dominates the palate; damsons and currants. Texturally firm it holds tight right where it should, steady handed all the way through.

VARIETAL

100% Shiraz

COLOUR

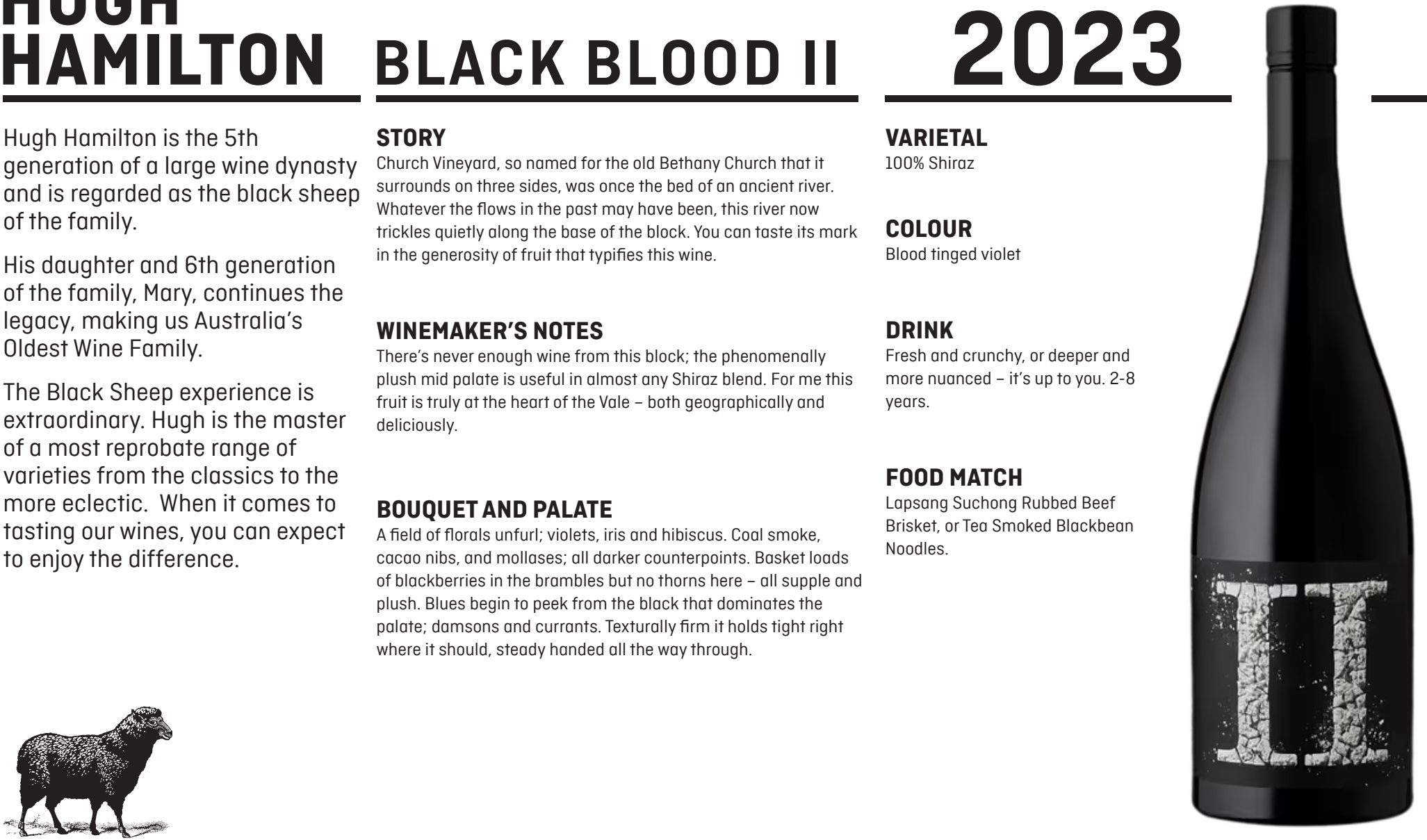
Blood tinged violet

DRINK

Fresh and crunchy, or deeper and more nuanced – it's up to you. 2-8 years.

FOOD MATCH

Lapsang Suchong Rubbed Beef Brisket, or Tea Smoked Blackbean Noodles.



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CHURCH BLOCK

ANALYSIS: ALC: 14.8% **| TA:** 6.0 **| PH:** 3.54 **| RS:** <2.0 G/L **| VEGAN FRIENDLY**