HUGH HAMILTON

PURE BLACK

2021 SHIRAZ SAPERAVI

PURE HISTORY
It began nearly two centuries ago. Our family planted grape vines in South Australia in 1837 and made the first wine in the colony. Those vine cuttings arrived dipped in wax. 'Pure Black' carries our Hamilton family story into the 6th generation; history sealed in black wax.

PURE PATIENCE
Nothing happens quickly when it comes to wine. It took over a decade from the genesis of creating this wine to releasing the debut vintage.

PURE McLAREN VALE
We are always learning, about our own sites and others, always searching for the absolute best grapes in McLaren Vale whether they are ours or over the fence. This has led to partnerships with exemplary grape growers and deepened our understanding of both the region and our own vineyards.

PURE DETERMINATION
To make this wine we grew 10's of 1000's of grapes and made over 400 individual barrels – all but 5 were rejected .

PURE CHARACTER
Like the Mona Lisa this wine keeps you intrigued. Delicate, yet deft. Gentle, yet determined. Tantalising, yet assured.

PURE VINTAGE
Consequently there is an amazing concentration to the fruit from this vintage, with tremendous length and depth that will continue to improve with cellaring. As the structure of the wine eases with time the more delicate aromatics present in a number of the selected barrels will begin to shine.

PURE WINEMAKING
Repeat to yourself when you see this in your cellar 'soon, but not yet'. Be patient. Every element of this wine is designed to play out only with time in bottle. Cellar well and in time the rewards will be clear.

400 BARRELS
Our pledge to you is that we will only release this wine in vintages which yield exceptional fruit. We not only taste and select from over 400 individual barrels but we place the chosen wine into multiple 'blind' benchmark tasting sessions against the best Shiraz in Australia. Pure Black consistently stood out for its quality and style.

PURE EMOTION
A wine like this requires total commitment from everybody involved in its creation. Pure Black is proof of the absolute passion we have for what we do.

WINEMAKERS NOTES
A wine like this can be a double edged sword for a winemaker – on the one side there is the enormous weight of expectation, after all this is Pure Black, yet on the other it can be as simple as assembling your very best barrels – which is just what we have done

PURE SENSES
Aromatics emerge from the glass with intent, but also slowly, unfurling outward at their own pace. Iodine, rose petal, and cherry wood. Saddlery-savoury, cinnamon, black pepper, and star anise. Demerara sugar, cocoa powder, and sweet tobacco pouch. A thunderhead of rolling dark red and black fruits; blackcurrant, mulberry, raspberry, pomegranate, and plum. Chewy tannin well on the way to glorious resolution. Still crunchy, fresh, and focused, there's ample satisfaction yet to be had for those with the patience to cellar.

PURE COLOUR
Black plum

PURE DRINKING
7 – 15 years

FOOD MATCH
There's a temptation to sear a Tomahawk steak and be done, however there's a subtlety here too that works well with a cranberry glazed lamb shank, or a cranberry and pistachio nut roast.



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McMURTRIE ROAD, McLAREN VALE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ALC: 14.8% **RS:** <2.0/L **TA:** 6.5 **PH:** 3.49%

VEGAN FRIENDLY