McLAREN VALE

The Peake

CABERNET SHIRAZ

2020 VINTAGE

Hickinbotham Clarendon Vineyard covers a steep cut of country from the ridgetops above the village of Clarendon to the Onkaparinga River in the gorge below. Since its establishment in 1971, the Hickinbotham Vineyard has become a part of Australia's wine heritage, supplying fruit to produce many of Australia's greatest wines. Breathing new life into this historic vineyard, winemakers Chris Carpenter and Peter Fraser are forging a new era of Hickinbotham's prestigious legacy: building upon and honouring the vineyard's acclaimed pedigree.

2020 VINTAGE SUMMARY

The growing season was affected by a very hot spring, leading to the lowest yields on our record. When the grapes started their ripening process in January, the weather miraculously cooled to a very mild ripening season. This resulted in wonderful concentration of flavour, retention of natural acidity and brightness of fruit, delivering wines with beautiful finesse and balanced tannins. The 2020 expresses notes of blueberry, boysenberry, toast and herbs on the nose with an awesome palate weight, toast, rich and savory notes with a black fruit finish and incredible structure.

2020 WINEMAKING

The two varieties were hand-picked, destemmed and fermented separately. Gently basket pressed. The Cabernet matured for 15 months in fine-grained Bordeaux coopered barrels (60% new). The Shiraz was barrelled down to 1- 2 year old puncheons, remaining on lees for 6 months. Final percentage of new oak in the blend is 50%. The finest lots from each variety were selected and blended shortly before bottling.

WINEMAKER

Chris Carpenter & Peter Fraser

VINEYARD BLOCKS

A blend of four distinct source blocks.

Blocks 200s (31%) – 2.6-hectare contoured Cabernet planting from 1971. A relatively shallow soil, brown, yellowish-red silty light clay with greater than 50% siltstone fragments and a layer of subsoil with over 50% quartz fragments, all sitting over a bedrock of pale-yellow siltstone. Yield of 3.2-tonnes per hectare.

Blocks 300s (22%) – 2.5-hectare contoured Cabernet planting from 1971. Moderate depth soil. Dark yellowish-brown light clay loam with 10-20% fragments of siltstone, overlying a pale yellow, layered siltstone, which is ferruginous in places (presence of ironstone). Yield of 3-tonnes per hectare.

Blocks 200s (37%) – 2.3-hectare contoured Shiraz planting from 1971. Dark brown clay loam, overlaying a light grey, fine-grain layered bedrock. Yield of 2.5-tonnes per hectare.

Blocks 300s (10%) – 2.9-hectare contoured Shiraz planting from 1971. Dark yellowish-brown loam with 10-50% fragments of Siltstone. Yield of 3.0-tonnes per hectare.

HARVEST DATES

Shiraz Blocks: 200 and 300 | 6 – 7 March, 2020
Cabernet Sauvignon Blocks: 200 and 300 | 15 & 19 March, 2020

COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS

52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 48% Shiraz | Alcohol: 14.0% | pH: 3.71 | TA: 6.0 g/L

CELLAR

2022 – 2042

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