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## The Cunning Plan Shiraz 2022

### McLaren Vale

The beautiful region of McLaren Vale is bounded by the Gulf to the West and the various ranges to the East and North. Geologically one of the most diverse regions on earth, it has long been the home to some of Australia's finest expressions of Shiraz.



#### Tasting

*Great depth of ripe plum and blackberry fruit flavours. A full-bodied wine with a succulent palate, lively spices and fine velvety tannins.*

#### Viticulture

Our fruit comes from the Moray Park vineyard in the McLaren Flat sub-region. Picked on the way up to retain vibrancy and energy.

#### Winemaking

Winemaking is simple with The Cunning Plan. Take perfectly balanced fruit, pick, gently crush to preserve whole berries and allow to soak for 4 days prior to a wild fermentation. Wild fermented and then pressed to French oak only, with 10% new.

#### Wine Analysis

Varietal: 100% Shiraz

Alcohol: .14.5%

Total Acidity: 5.58 g/l

pH: 3.68

Residual Sugar: <2g/l

SO2: 58mg/l



#### Vintage Conditions

2022 vintage followed in much the same vein as the much-lauded 2021. A little later than normal but the season was characterised by regular moderate rainfall, friendly temperatures and an elongated ripening period which allowed for an even spread of fruit over the harvesting period. The wines are characterised by balanced, aromatic fruit profiles, lovely energy and silky tannins which give a capacity for both youthful exuberance and ageing.



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