



*When the ships left Europe bound for Australia, they had many obstacles to overcome, but perhaps the strangest of all was the “monster pitch”. No wind but a huge swell, capable of swallowing even the biggest tall masters, meant that only a great captain and a dedicated crew could steer the ship to safety. Year after year, our vigneron and winemakers show the same skill, conquering the prevailing conditions to deliver an outstanding result every time.*

## VINTAGE 2021

The 2021 vintage in McLaren Vale Wine Region was generally more productive, producing higher yields at harvest, compared to recent seasons. Importantly the increase in vine yields was combined with excellent quality which was well received by the region’s winemakers.

January was slightly hotter but still below average. The temperatures in February were ideal with no days above 35 degrees and temperatures staying around the high 20’s low 30’s each day.

It was a long, drawn out vintage compared to what has been the recent experience. Grape picking took 8 weeks to complete starting at full pace in the first week of March and ending in the second week of April. Overall the season producing great quality.

ALCOHOL	14.5%
REGION	McLaren Vale
	pH 3.59
	TA 6.1

## TASTING NOTES

Just like the monster pitch, this Cabernet is elegant on the surface, but has powerful underlying varietal characters which may take you by surprise!

It is carefully matured in French and American oak which integrates beautifully with aromas of blackberries, eucalyptus, chocolate and mint.

The smooth full bodied palate finishes with fine tannins.

# SHAW FAMILY VINTNERS MONSTER PITCH 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

