



Around a century ago, "Windjammers" were the rhinos of the sailing fleets. With hulls of steel, multiple masts and big square sails, they had presence standing still, but when needed, they could charge through the roughest weather at up to 16 knots on average. We reckon this Shiraz is a lot like the Windjammer, big and bold for the moment but with the voyage of a few more years, it will be the stuff of legend.

## VINTAGE 2020

The 2020 vintage in McLaren Vale experienced a drier than average growing season for the third year in a row which contributed to low yields across the region.

Dry conditions during spring reduced the vigour of vines, and several days of high winds reduced the Berry set.

December hot weather had vines showing signs of water and heat stress. Fortunately to break the record hot weather the norther monsoon season started at the start of January and temperatures dropped correspondingly. McLaren Vale had 13 consecutive days below 30 degrees C from 15 –27 January.

February saw a monsoonal rain band over SA and McLaren Vale experienced 20-30mm during three days of thunderstorms. All of this contributed to lower yields but good quality wines.

ALCOHOL REGION COMPOSITION 14.5% McLaren Vale 100% Shiraz

*TASTING NOTES* Sourced from deep rooted old vines and aged in French Oak for 18 months, this is a fine McLaren Vale Shiraz.

With aromas of plums, blueberries and spices and generous on the palate, it finishes with subtle pepper overtones and an impression as big as its namesake.

Enjoy it now or put it away for awhile - it will love the test of time.

## SHAW FAMILY VINTNERS WINDJAMMER 2020 SHIRAZ

