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Black Chook Shiraz-Viognier 2008

McLaren Vale & Langhorne Creek



Winery Background

As the bigger sibling of Woop Woop, The Chook once again represents a collaboration between Ben Riggs the wine maker at Penny's Hill, and Tony Parkinson, proprietor of Penny's Hill.

The Chook is sourced from McLaren Vale, known for its consistent, Mediterranean-type climate and Langhorne Creek which characteristically produces Shiraz that is spicy, flavorful and elegant.

Winemaking

Co-fermenting small amounts of Viognier skins with Shiraz adds a wonderful apricot perfume, at the same time as intensifying the deep rich color and velvety mouthfeel of the wine.

Viticulture

McLaren Vale has an unrivaled reputation in Australia and indeed the world, for growing full-flavored, riped, balanced Shiraz. With excellent fruit and length, McLaren Vale Shiraz also has a terrific ability to age.

Located on the floodplains of the Angas and Bremer River about 70km south of Adelaide, Langhorne Creek is one of the older wine growing regions in Australia. Traditionally Langhorne Creek is a red growing area, and characteristically produces Shiraz that is spicy, and elegant. Recent years have seen white varieties becoming more established in the region, and the Viognier in the Black Chook is from Angas Vineyards in Langhorne Creek.

Analytical

Grapes: 94% Shiraz, 6% Viognier

Yields: 2-4 tons/acre

Aging: 8 months in a combination of tank and seasoned French oak

Vintage: Australia's 2008 wine vintage has defied extreme weather to exceed expectations in size and quality to produce some excellent wines.

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

Press

90 Pts. "... Ripe aromas of black raspberry, licorice and a touch of vanilla. Generous and open, with a spicy quality to the sweet flavors of raspberry, cherry and candied violet. This delivers a lot of mid-palate sweetness and very good finishing clarity and spiciness."

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Notes

The 2008 vintage sees a return of the beloved chook!

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