



"For a wine traditionally overt in its opulence, the 2021 celebrates a subtle, elegant and nuanced rendition. There's richness, sure, but whole bunch fermentation adds layers of complexity that support the more brooding destemmed component. A lick of spicy new French oak gets lapped up by the fruit, integrating with the darker spectrum of savoury flavour. It's a slight deviation from the classic but a Shiraz that truly gets me excited, being a more elegant expression of the variety."

~ Sam Berketa, Head Winemaker

Name	Vintage
Hercules	2021
Variety	Region
Shiraz	McLaren Vale

Nose

Dark cherries and chocolate, exotic spices and cedar.

Palate

A velvety smooth structure and soft fruits intertwined with spice, held together with a tight acidity that promises this wine will age gracefully.

Pair

Steak with red wine jus or stuffed mushrooms.

Winemaking

Handpicked in the morning. 50% Whole bunch fermentation, 50% destemmed. Naturally fermented on skins for 4 weeks. Hand plunged 4 times daily during fermentation. Basket pressed to new and old oak for 24 months. 30% new French Oak.

Vineyard

Hickinbotham Vineyard, Clarendon Unknown clone planted on own roots in the 50's 260m-270m elevation, North-Westerly aspect. Clay loam with ironstone gravel over sandstone and siltstone. VSP spur pruned.

Alcohol	Acidity
14.9%	7.63g/L

pH	Cellaring
3.5	15 years

Alpha Box & Dice would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we make our wines and respect their ongoing connection to land, culture and sea. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

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