



"The vintage of 2022, being another cooler year, allowed for a beautifully long ripening period, enhancing the depth of complexity inherent in the grapes. Coming again from the oldest vines on the Hickinbotham Vineyard, one of the Vale's most elevated sites, we again used whole bunches to increase the complexity. Left to mature in barriques, 25% being new French oak, the wine spent 18 long months melding together. The result is a wine that has all the glistening muscles expected in a masterpiece of McLaren Vale."

~ Sam Berketa, Head Winemaker

Name	Vintage
Hercules	2022
Variety	Region
Shiraz	McLaren Vale

Nose

Dark cherries, chocolate and spices.

Palate

A velvety smooth structure and soft fruits intertwined with spice, held together with a tight acidity.

Pair

Steak or stuffed mushrooms.

Winemaking

Handpicked in the morning. 50% Whole bunch fermentation, 50% destemmed. Naturally fermented on skins for 4 weeks. Gently hand plunged 4 times daily during fermentation. Basket pressed to new and old oak for 18 months. 25% new French Oak. Full and spontaneous MLF.

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 with foliage wires. Biodynamically managed.

Alcohol	Acidity
14.9%	6g/L
pH	Cellaring
3.88	20 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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