



"I was inspired when making this wine to pay tribute to the delicately interesting wines of the 70s and 80s: Hunter River Burgundies and the Claret blends of old providing the backdrop for this lovely tippie. Sure, it's not your usual, punch-you-in-the-face Shiraz, but the subtleties tied in with the supple smoothness provide a drinkability that is rare in the world of Shiraz. Put some in your cellar for a few years and watch it become even more alluring as it ages with a grace and elegance that other Shiraz can only dream about."

~ Sam Berketa, Head Winemaker

Name	Vintage
Very Special	2022
Variety	Region
Shiraz	McLaren Vale

Nose

Brambly fruits, wet asphalt and forest undergrowth.

Palate

Satin smooth, it seduces the palate with soft fruits and savoury spice, and entices the lips to take another sip.

Pair

Schnitzel with pepper sauce or stuffed cabbage rolls.

Winemaking

Harvested in the cool of morning. 100% destemmed and fermented as whole berries. Wild fermented, 10 days on skins. Gently plunged twice daily and pressed to barrique and puncheon for 12 months. 10% new French oak, 90% seasoned. Full and spontaneous MLF.

Vineyard

Hickinbotham Vineyard, Clarendon. Unknown clone planted on own roots in the 90s. 260-270m elevation, north-westerly aspect. Clay loam with ironstone gravel over sandstone and siltstone. Biodynamically managed.

Alcohol	Acidity
13%	6g/L
pH	Cellaring
3.81	10 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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