



"Working with grapes from the Hickinbotham vineyard has been something I've idolised for some time, so being able to source the grapes for the Very Special Shiraz from the iconic vineyard in 2021 was a match made in heaven. Iconic grapes for our label about iconic wines - and the result is something deeply powerful yet easily enjoyed."

~ Sam Berketa, Head Winemaker

Name	Vintage
Very Special	2021
Variety	Region
Shiraz	McLaren Vale

Nose

Juicy forest berries after fresh rain on warm asphalt.

Palate

Dark fruits on a chewy leash, the restrained acidity shows a youthful exuberance that celebrates the earthier aromas.

Pair

Beef Ribs or Spag Bol.

Winemaking

Machine harvested in the early morning, destemmed. Naturally fermented with pumpovers twice daily. On skins for 10 days before being basket pressed. Aged in seasoned barriques for 5 months then blended into foudre for another 4 months.

Vineyard

Hickinbotham Vineyard, McLaren Vale. Unknown clone grafted in 2018 on Chardonnay rootstock. Elevation 240 - 260m N aspect. Light clay loam with ironstone gravel over sandstone and siltstone.

Alcohol	Acidity
14.5%	6.3g/L
pH	Cellaring
3.8	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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