

THE NOBLE WRINKLED



Riesling 2019

McLaren Vale, Riesling (100%)

The Name

Grapes affected with Botrytis are small and wrinkly, inspiring the name of this wine, which was originally released in 1985 as The Noble Riesling.

The Vintage

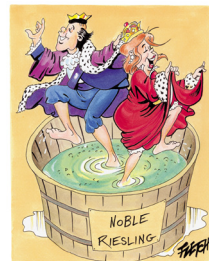
Winter was quite dry, with sporadic light showers that didn't penetrate the soil very deeply. This impacted budburst but was managed with some irrigation. During spring there was quite a strong wind event around the time of flowering, which upset some of the growth, especially in Shiraz. Summer was hot, with an extreme heat wave and a record high temperature of 46.6C, which burnt some varieties like Petit Verdot. Most other varieties managed to escape unscathed, which was surprising. Yields were down on most varieties. The quality, however, was excellent, exhibiting very varietal characteristics. Ferments had to be taken off a little earlier with higher sugar levels because of these strong tannins.

The Winemaking

Botrytis Cinerea, affectionately known as Noble Rot, weakens grape skins causing water to evaporate which results in sweet, concentrated flavours. These shrivelled berries are basket pressed before a long fermentation, resulting in a luscious wine with intense richness and viscosity.

The Characteristics

Intense and floral on the nose. Wild honey, lemon balm and eucalyptus aromas leap out of the glass. The palate is similar, with concentrated flavours of ripe lemon and mead. It's spicy and exotic and persistent and yum.



Alcohol	9.5%	Residual sugar	202.9 g/l
Titrateable acid	8.5	pH	2.96
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton