

Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale



Flagship Series



2021 Mr. Riggs The Chap Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale / Coonawarra

Our Flagship Series is the crème de la crème. It does not get any better than this.

History

The Chap is Mr. Riggs' Icon wine, added to the Flagship Series as an homage to past blending masters that were hugely influential when Ben Riggs began in the wine industry. Bespoke in style, this wine is personally tailored to represent the best of both Shiraz and Cabernet.

Vineyard

The 2021 Mr. Riggs 'The Chap' is an interregional blend of two great vineyards; Ben's own Piebald Gully Vineyard in McLaren Vale and the Ey Vineyards in Coonawarra.

Piebald Gully is situated in the coolest sub-region of McLaren Vale, Clarendon, bordering the Adelaide Hills. Planted in deep sand over clay, the vineyard is late ripening and virtually dry grown, producing an elegant and refined style of Shiraz.

The Ey Vineyards are located in Coonawarra's northern end and are traditionally some of the earlier ripening blocks, with low yields and excellent concentration. Generally this area is flat, its maximum elevation just 58 meters above sea level. The variation, however, lies in the different soil depths ranging from red-brown clay loam to brown sand loam, all over limestone, producing some of Australia's best Cabernet Sauvignon.

Winemaking

Components of the 2021 Mr. Riggs The Chap were fermented in traditional open fermenters and following pressing, finished their fermentation in oak; approximately 80% was French and 20% American, 35% of which was new oak. Vineyard parcels were kept separate during fermentation and maturation and were blended three months prior to bottling. With 22 months in barrel the wine was then bottle aged and released when nearing its prime. The wine is fine, elegant, stylish and structured, akin to what was once known as 'claret'. Enjoy now, or cellar for another 10 years.

Technical Details

pH:	3.44
TA:	6.62
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	15th May 2023
Production:	544 x 3 packs
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs
Shiraz:	55% McLaren Vale
Cabernet:	45% Coonawarra

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