

THE ANTHEM

AN ANTHEM IS DEFINED AS “A HYMN OF PRAISE, DEVOTION OR PATRIOTISM”. THIS WINE GIVES PRAISE TO THE RICHNESS OF MCLAREN VALE DIRT THAT IS DEVOTED TO OLD VINE SHIRAZ AND IF PATRIOTISM MEANS BEING PROUDLY, UNIQUELY AUSTRALIAN, THE SPARKLING SHIRAZ SHOULD BE AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR, EVERY YEAR. WHEN AUSTRALIANS GATHER TO SING OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM, THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS REMEMBERING THE SECOND VERSE. A GLASS OR TWO OF OUR ANTHEM SPARKLING SHIRAZ COULD PROVIDE JUST THE INSPIRATION. “BENEATH OUR RADIANT SOUTHERN CROSS...”

VINTAGE REGION/SUB REGIONS

Non-Vintage McLaren Vale: McLaren Flat, Seaview and Willunga sub-regions

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Shiraz

COLOUR

Dark purple with cherry red rim.

BOUQUET

A beguiling mix of dark chocolate, ripe plum and spicy aniseed with complex notes of brioche, polished leather and Christmas cake spice.

PALATE

Notes of fresh satsuma plum and raspberry, the juicy palate is fruit rich with silky tannins and aged cedary oak, finished off by refreshing acidity and a fine bead.

DRINK

Drink now to five years.

FOOD MATCH

Roast pork with crackling, served with duck fat fried potatoes, butter beans and steamed broccolini.

VINIFICATION

Whilst being non-vintage the wine is predominantly 2008 vintage shiraz with a component of younger material to freshen the wine. A component of older material, dating back to 1994, also adds significant complexity to the palate. Select shiraz barrels out of the RSW and Woodhenge Reserve program were selected for The Anthem sparkling shiraz. Traditional red winemaking processes which included hand picking, open fermentation and basket pressing were used to make The Anthem Shiraz base wine.

OAK MATURATION

Older French oak for a period of 18 months for the 2008 vintage component with the older material part of a solera system of shiraz barrels going back to 1994 vintage.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

pH 3.56 TA 5.8 ALC 13.5%

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