



2015 THE GOVERNOR SYRAH

Tasting Note

A concentrated, rich and complex McLaren Vale Syrah that's built to age. Perfumed aromas of ripe mixed dark berries and plums, liquorice and spice with hints of chocolate. Full bodied with ripe generous flavours of blackberry, toasted spice and leather. Fine grained velvety tannins with lingering flavours.

Varietal: Syrah

Vintage: 2015

Region: Adelaide Hills

ALC/VOL: 15%

Vegan: Yes

Winemaker: Renae Hirsch

The Vineyard

All fruit for The Governor comes from a single block on our family-owned 64-acre vineyard, located in the southern foothills of the McLaren Vale region. Our proximity to the ocean (situated just 2km away from the coast of the Gulf St Vincent) allows our vines to benefit from cooling sea breezes that temper the heat of our Mediterranean climate.

Winemaking Notes

Winemaking is very traditional and labour intensive. Small batch fermentation took place in open top fermenters, following which the wine was matured for a period of 18 months in a selection of the best French (80%) and American oak. It was neither fined nor filtered so that the integrity and depth of flavour could be maintained.

Vintage Overview

A dry spring with above-average temperatures led to early flowering but small bunches and yields. The harvest was early and extremely condensed – a heatwave brought the onset of the reds very quickly, leading to a small window of opportunity to harvest the fruit at the right time. This has led to smaller than average yields and great intensity in the wines, with abundant fruit and strong tannins. This is a vintage that will greatly reward cellaring.

