

Reviews & Awards

ANGELS RISE VINEYARD

2020 SHIRAZ McLAREN VALE

REVIEWS

Andrew Graham - OzWine Review - July 2024 - 94 Points

In 2019, the family bought the Angel Gully Vineyard at Clarendon from Primo Estate, that vineyard has felt different from the rest of the Vale. It's cooler and more Adelaide Hills-y, which is unsurprising for a block at 270m, one of the region's highest. The first Angove-branded releases from this ex-Primo vineyard are now landing, and they have a little specialness, too – like this Angove Angels Rise Vineyard Shiraz 2020. You'll notice the vineyard is now called Angels Rise, and even in 2020, where shitloads of McLaren Vale Shiraz releases look a bit drying and ungenerous, this Shiraz has life. The 18 months in barrel feels like it has only helped, rather than intruding, and the wine is bottled unfinned/unfiltered. Clever. There's complexity here – a little charcuterie, molten leaf litter, olives and dark plum fruit. Oak adds an uplift, and the tannins are finely grippy with a chocolatey spiced palate. A real McLaren Vale/Adelaide Hills mashup wine (you could even call it Syrah) with impressive balance, even if the finish a teensy bit warm (hello 2020 again). I like so much.

Ken Gargett - Wine Pinot - June 2024 - 93 Points

"This vineyard is located high in the Clarendon sub-region of McLaren Vale, at 305 metres above sea level. The vines are in excess of twenty-five years of age. This is the first release of this wine. This is a dark garnet colour. More restrained and tighter than the more powerful Warboys. Very much a savoury style with earthy notes, aniseed, black cherry, beefstock, coffee grinds and black fruits. Plenty of power but in a more refined manner. Good balance. The palate sees the emerge of cassis and plum notes. A long finish with sleek tannins. This is very attractive and should provide impressive drinking for the next ten to twenty years."

Angus Hughson - Wine Pilot - June 2024 - 90 Points

"This inaugural vintage of the Angels Rise Shiraz from Clarendon in 2020 is a reserved expression with elegant aromas of licorice and dark cherry with some slaty complexity. Supple textures make for a highly approachable offering punctuated by al-dente tannins to finish. "

AWARDS

Melbourne International Wine Competition 2022 - **DOUBLE GOLD - 96 POINTS**

AWC International Wine Competition 2023 - **Silver**

London Wine Competition 2023 - **Silver**

Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition 2022 - **Gold**

Mundus Vini Spring Tasting 2022 - **Silver**

