

THE FOOTBOLT

Shiraz 2020

McLaren Vale, Shiraz (100%)

The Name

Joseph Osborn was a successful racehorse owner and Footbolt was the pride of his stable. In 1912 he made the hard decision to sell his horses to purchase the d'Arenberg property.

The Vintage

Winter and Spring rains were quite good which meant vigour was high. October and November saw some cooler weather which made flowering and set spread out over a long period with an intense short heat wave in the middle of set reducing the crop significantly. A nice rain on the 1st of February set the vines up well and mild to cool, dry, weather prevailed. A few slightly warmer nights in the later part of ripening helped the last sugar push. Yields were down significantly, the lowest in memory, however, quality is exceptional. Some of the best wines seen for years. Great colour, fruit characters, flavours and length.

The Winemaking

Small batches of grapes are crushed gently and then transferred to five tonne headed down open fermenters. These batches remain separate until final blending. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation.

The wine is then basket pressed and then transferred to a mixture of new and used French oak barriques to complete fermentation. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, and there is no racking until final blending. This wine does not undertake fining or filtration prior to bottling.

The Characteristics

Vivid, deep crimson-purple colour. Aromas of blackberries, plum and boysenberries brings a fragrant perfumed bouquet. The palate carries an array of black fruits, plums, cassis, black cherries and a savoury dark chocolate finish makes this wine irresistible. Velvety and well-integrated tannins shows a perfect balance between the ripe fruit and the oak maturation. Formidable McLaren Vale Shiraz made in inimitable d'Arenberg style.



Harvest dates	26 Feb – 2 May	Alcohol	14.5%
Residual sugar	1.0 g/l	Titrateable acid	7.0
pH	3.49	Oak maturation	12 to 18 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton