



d'Arenberg



# THE LOVE GRASS



## Shiraz 2020

McLaren Vale, Shiraz (86%) Other Varieties (14%)

### The Name

Lovegrass is a weed that grows in the vineyards and its sticky flowers affectionately attach themselves to vineyard workers' socks. This Shiraz will linger with you in the same way that the flowers do!

### The Vintage

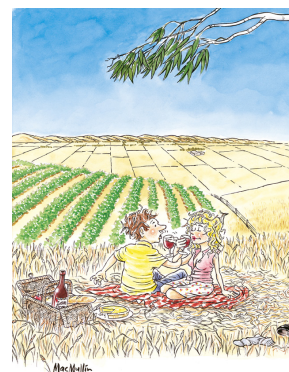
Winter was quite dry, with sporadic light showers that didn't penetrate the soil very deeply. This impacted budburst but was managed with some irrigation. During spring there was quite a strong wind event around the time of flowering, which upset some of the growth, especially in Shiraz. Summer was hot, with an extreme heat wave and a record high temperature of 46.6C, which burnt some varieties like Petit Verdot. Most other varieties managed to escape unscathed, which was surprising. Yields were down on most varieties. The quality, however, was excellent, exhibiting very varietal characteristics. Ferments had to be taken off a little earlier with higher sugar levels because of these strong tannins.

### The Winemaking

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two-thirds of the way through fermentation, the wine is basket pressed and then aged in French oak for up to 18 months.

### The Characteristics

A wine that proves how rewarding following the biodynamic and organic principles can be. Deep, but bright purple colour. A swirl in the glass and you release pronounced aromas of boysenberries, dark plum, blackcurrant and peppery spices. The expressive bouquet leads into a complex palate with liquorice, plum, mulberries, dark chocolate and black cherries. Everything is surrounded by ripe tannins and a velvety texture. Definitely ready to drink on its youth but can also be greatly improved with cellaring time up to 15 years. Organic wine with d'Arenberg signature. Structure, complexity and longevity.



Harvest dates	26 Feb -8 Apr	Alcohol	14.5%
Residual sugar	1 g/l	Titrateable acid	6.8
pH	3.52	Oak maturation	18 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton