



<i>Harvest date</i>	<i>21 March</i>
<i>Alcohol</i>	<i>14.5%</i>
<i>Residual sugar</i>	<i>2.7 g/l</i>
<i>Titrateable acid</i>	<i>6.6</i>
<i>pH</i>	<i>3.34</i>
<i>Oak maturation</i>	<i>20 months</i>
<i>Chief Winemaker</i>	<i>Chester Osborn</i>
<i>Senior Winemaker</i>	<i>Jack Walton</i>

The Other Side Shiraz 2011

Single Vineyard McLaren Vale Shiraz

The Name

Planted in 1916, this vineyard is located on the opposite side of the winery to the family homestead and is logically referred to as on 'the other side'.

Amazing Sites

The Vineyard

<i>District</i>	<i>Beautiful View</i>	<i>Altitude</i>	<i>105m above sea level</i>
<i>Soil</i>	<i>Clay, loam, limestone and clay</i>	<i>Aspect</i>	<i>Slight undulation, E&N East/West rows</i>
<i>Year planted</i>	<i>1916</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>2.2 hectares</i>

The geology of this vineyard is 50 million year old Blanche Point Formation. Twisting in every angle these very old vines are unique as is the amazingly powerful, soil flavoured wine they produce.

The Vintage

There was ample winter and spring rain which provided good sub soil moisture and resulted in healthy canopies and good vigour. Summer conditions were very mild. Grapes ripened gracefully with only a few small rain episodes, enough to keep the vines fresh and vibrant. Rainfall was only a little over average for the first months of the year.

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 transferred to a mixture of new and used French and old American oak barriques to complete fermentation. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, and there is no racking until final blending. Only the best Shiraz blocks from each vintage are selected to be part of the Amazing Sites range.

The Characteristics

To borrow lyrics from Lou Reed, tasting the Other Side is to "take a walk on the wild side." Immediately on the nose we are struck by sooty, meaty and woody characters. These are aromas that we see time and time again in this wine and can only be attributed to the very old age of the vines (fast approaching their 100th birthday!)

The palate gives insight into how The Other Side is likely to evolve. Among the brooding savoury characters we find sweet purple fruits, dark chocolate and liquorice. The structure of the wine is firm and drying. We are undoubtedly looking at a wine that will reward those with patience.