## **MAXWELL TASTING NOTE**





# Ellen Street Shiraz 2021

## The Name

What was originally known for over 100 years as Ellen Street runs along the southern boundary of the Maxwell vineyards. Situated between this road and the winery is a small vineyard of craggy, gnarled Shiraz vines planted in 1953. Every year these vines bear some of the most concentrated fruit on the estate.

## **Vintage Conditions**

McLaren Vale's 2021 vintage was high yielding of great quality. We believe that the quality levels were some of the best in twenty years. A mild winter and sunny conditions saw good budburst and flowering around October.

Two rain events in late January and early February were enough to freshen the leaves prior to harvest

### Colour & Aroma

Deep purple in colour, aroma shows lush blackberry, dark cherry with hints of oak and florals.

## **Pairing**

Lamb shanks.

## Palate

Generous dark fruits on the palate including blackberry, cherry, hints of raspberry. Subtle oak is balanced out with chalky tannins, the oak lingers on the finish giving good length.

Layered and complex, every taste gives you a bit more, will benefit from decanting.

## **Technical Notes**

Varietal Composition	Region (GI)	Alcohol
Shiraz 100%	McLaren Vale	14%Alc./Vol.
Residual Sugar	TA	pH
0.94g/L	6.9g/L 	3.40

#### Winemakers

Kate Petering Mark Maxwell

### Winemaking Notes

 $18\,months$  in old French and American oak, approximately 25% new barrels. Will mature for a further 10+ years if cellared correctly.