



MAXWELL TASTING NOTE

Cellar Door Exclusive

Nero d'Avola 2020



Small batch exclusive

This small batch wine was produced exclusively for our Maxwell Clan wine club & its members. The clans of our Scottish forebears were not always kin by blood. Identifying with the tribes spirit they adopted the clan's name, allowing them to claim the benefits of belonging.

Vintage Conditions

The start of the 2020 vintage was drier than average with rainfall 20% below average, a benefit being low disease risk. In late November, we had a very hot day followed by strong gusty winds, which reduced the crop by up to 50%. The vines then endured a hot December, but relief came in January, with a period of a 12 days straight of a perfect 30 degrees.

Welcome rain came in early February, which helped to freshen the leaves prior to harvest. The result has been wines of intense flavours and colour, but only half the volume of a normal year.

Colour & Aroma

The colour is of a deep vivid purple. The wine displays lush black cherry aromas followed by plums..

Tasting Notes

This Nero d'Avola is well structured and medium bodied with soft tannins and lively acidity. Flavours are similar to aromas, with plenty of black cherry & plum. It has a long lasting finish and is best enjoyed in its youth.

Pairing

Mediterranean cuisine, BBQ, pizza, pasta, antipasto.

Technical Notes

Varietal Composition: Nero d'Avola 100%	Region (GI): McLaren Vale	Oak Maturation: 12 months in old oak.
Alcohol: 13.5% Alc./Vol.	TA: 7.5g/L	pH: 3.45
Winemakers: Kate Petering & Mark Maxwell	Winemaker comments: Gently vinified, aged in old oak for 12 months. The generosity of fruit and freshness of the style is best appreciated in its youth but can cellar up to 5 years.	

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