



Little Demon

Cabernet Merlot 2019



The Name

In 1871 Scottish scientist James Clerk Maxwell proposed a thought experiment, that involved a hypothetical creature acting as a gatekeeper between two compartments to sort gas molecules according to their speed. At first glance, such a system could potentially create energy from nothing... theoretically impossible given the laws of physics. This hypothetical gatekeeper became known to physicists as Maxwell's Little Demon, and has stirred debate in the science community for more than a century.

Vintage Conditions

McLaren Vale's 2019 vintage was low yielding but of a very high quality. A very dry winter and a cool spring resulted in poor budburst and flowering around October. In December we experienced amazing gusts of wind, which damaged some of the newly formed bunches.

Then followed a heat wave which continued to reduce the crop levels. Lower yields have the benefit of increasing colour density and structure, so although the tonnes are less than most previous years, the quality is very good.

Colour & Aroma

Aromas of raspberry, chocolate & dried herbs.

Palate

The palate shows plum, blackberry and cherries.

Pairing

Slow-cooked beef short rib.

Well balanced tannins and subtle vanilla oak create a soft round body & a lasting finish.

Technical Notes

Varietal Composition:

Cabernet 86.4%
Merlot 13.6%

Region (GI):

McLaren Vale

Oak Maturation:

Maturation in old and new oak for Cabernet. Merlot aged in old oak only.

Alcohol:

14% Alc./Vol.

TA:

6.7 g/L

pH:

3.45

Winemakers:

Kate Petering
& Mark Maxwell

Winemaker comments:

This wine is made to enjoy upon release, however it is expected that it will continue to mature to 5-10 years of age.