



BATTLE
of
BOSWORTH

MCLAREN VALE



Battle of Bosworth McLaren Vale 2014 Touriga Nacional

Battle of Bosworth Wines

The wines take their name from the original Battle of Bosworth, fought on Bosworth Field, Leicestershire, England in 1485. Here the last of the Plantagenet Kings, Richard the III, was slain by Henry Tudor, becoming the last king of England to die in battle. His death ended the War of the Roses.

The roots of the Bosworth family's battle were planted in the early 1840's with their first vineyard in McLaren Vale. The modern day Battle of Bosworth saw the conversion of 'Edgehill' vineyard to organic viticulture by Joch Bosworth in 1995. This McLaren Vale 'Battle of Bosworth' is symbolised on the label by the yellow Soursob (*Oxalis pes caprae*) which is used in the vineyard to combat other weeds.

Organic Viticulture

Organic farming is based on minimising the use of external inputs, and as such our certified organic grapes are grown and processed without the use of synthetic chemicals or fertilisers. Our system of organic viticulture at Battle of Bosworth works with nature rather than against it, and by keeping harmful chemicals out of the land, water and air, helps create a healthy environment rich in flora, fauna and nutrients; the perfect environment for growing the very best quality wine grapes.

Battle of Bosworth grows Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Chardonnay, Semillon, Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc and Mourvèdre (as well as some Touriga Nacional and Graciano) which are fully certified 'A' grade organic by Australian Certified Organic (ACO), a process that takes four years. The vines are all now 20 years and older.

Vintage 2014

Vintage 2014 was a season of extremes for us all in McLaren Vale. We had great winter rains which gave us a full soil moisture profile in time for a dry and windy spring. They don't call it windy Willunga for nothing. If we'd had a set of wind chimes on the property, we would have heard them all day and night from September to January. We had a series of very hot days in January, followed by about 45mm of rain over a 48 period in early February which slowed ripening of our red grapes right down. We had picked all of our white grapes prior to the rain 'event' and so we had a decent break between whites and reds, like the good old days. There was no splitting of any of the grapes left on the vine after the rain, mercifully, either. Joch's analysis of 2014 is that it was a gentleman's vintage - everything came in slowly and in order, not like the mad rush of 2013. Every vintage is different; truism of our time, and of our industry.

Winemaking

This is our first attempt at making a Touriga Nacional, although we have been growing this Portuguese variety for a number of years now. It was grafted onto some 25 year old Shiraz vines. Traditionally the variety is used to make vintage Ports, although has been used more and more to make fragrant dry reds in recent times over there. We made the wine pretty much as we do our reds here at BoB, but used all old oak to mature the wine in, and bottled the wine early. We also picked pretty early as we wanted to capture the bright red fruits and floral characters.

Tasting Note

This is a fragrant mid weight wine, with delicate floral characters. It has bright red fruits (cherries and strawberries) with a faint herbal (bergamot) whiff, too. It has a light, balanced palate, again with red fruits and cherries, and is svelte and full of flavour.

Technical Details

Vineyards:	Denton's
Picking Dates:	6th and 20th March 2014
Alc/ Vol:	13.5%
Bottling Date:	24th October 2014
Volume	220 six packs made



Organically Grown, Traditionally Vinified