



**BATTLE**  
*of*  
**BOSWORTH**  
MCLAREN VALE



**Battle of Bosworth**  
**McLaren Vale 'Heretic'**  
**2021 Graciano (50%) Touriga Nacional (40%) Shiraz (10%)**

**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 1850'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, creates 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, Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, Pinot Noir and Mourvèdre (and a little Graciano and Touriga Nacional) which are fully certified organic by Australian Certified Organic (ACO), a process that takes four years. The vines are all now 20 years and older.

**Vintage 2021**

Good winter and early spring rains were followed by a generally dry and mild growing season. After the leaner vintages of 2019 and 2020 it was nice to see a return to long term average crop levels. We had a slow and steady ripening period without any excessive heat spikes which has resulted in super varietal fruit intensity and balanced natural acidity.

A Mary Poppins kind of vintage; practically perfect! Joch is always loathe to comment favourably about vintage quality, for fear of jinxing things - he can be superstitious like that, but by the end of harvest, the word 'exceptional' was heard to come out of his mouth.

**Winemaking**

We pick and ferment the 3 varieties separately so they can develop their own varietal characters before they get blended prior to a little bit of oak maturation and bottling.

Grapes were all picked ripe, but not overripe - the name of the game for Heretic is a balanced mid weight wine.

**Tasting Note**

A gorgeous savoury, mid-weight wine showing white peppercorn, violet, blue and red fruits on the nose. The tannins are gritty, savoury and long. Drink with a charcuterie plate.

**Technical Details**

Vineyard:	Dutchmans and Edgehill
Picking Dates:	Touriga 2nd Mar 2021, Graciano 20th Mar 2023, Shiraz, varied
Alc/ Vol:	14.0% alc/vol
Bottling Date:	13th September 2021



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