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Battle of Bosworth
McLaren Vale
2018 Bradens Single Vineyard Shiraz

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. Our vineyards 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 2018

We had above average winter rainfall and although we had a dry June, we recorded decent falls in July and August. Below average rainfall was recorded in spring, and we experienced some warm spring nights. Summer rain tally was also below average despite a wet December. McLaren Vale experienced warm autumn ripening period with low rainfall. Overall vintage in McLaren Vale produced wine of excellent quality and while total tonnages were down for the season, compared to a wet and fertile 2017, wine quality has been terrific.

Single Vineyard Shiraz

Our inspiration for bottling small volumes of Shiraz from single vineyards was the Scarce Earth program, which was a McLaren Vale initiative exploring and celebrating the geological climatic and soil diversity of the region. All wines come from a single block, a small plot of land with a unique flavour profile and personality. This program has been mothballed for the time being.

Soils

The vineyard is mapped as Christie's Beach formation, but is transitional to Bay of Biscay black cracking clays on the Ngaltinga formation. The Biscay soils are known as self-mulching soils that swell and shrink according to moisture content. The soils crack in summer to a significant depth - 'root pruning' and in winter you will get stuck in a heartbeat if you aren't in a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Winemaking

This 2018 Shiraz is made using grapes from our Braden's Vineyard which is on the main road between Willunga and McLaren Vale. It has been hand-made, hand bottled and is unfiltered. The wine was open fermented in small vessels then finished off ferment in a mixture of new (30%) and older fine French hogsheads.

Tasting Note

Braden's shows classic regional characters of dark chocolate and dark red and black (blackberry and black currants) fruits on the nose. There is also a pretty, floral lift on the nose, too. The wine has natural, granular tannins and lovely oak. Braden's traditionally makes a wine with more solid tannins than our Chanticleer or Dings vineyard, and this is certainly true with this wine - they are grainy and delicious. It's a lovely wine.

Technical Details

Vineyard:	Edgehill, Chanticleer and Winery Block
Soil Type:	Bay of Biscay
Geology:	Christies Beach Formation, Quaternary period
Elevation:	90 metres
Vine Age:	46 years
Vine clone:	Unknown, thought to be a Reynell selection
Picking Dates:	5th and 9th March 2018
Alc/ Vol:	14.5% alc/vol
Bottling Date:	30th August 2019
Volume bottled	56 x 6 packs made.



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