



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



**Battle of Bosworth**  
**McLaren Vale**  
**2021 Best of Vintage Shiraz (67%) Malbec (33%)**

**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 vines are fully certified organic by Australian Certified Organic (ACO), a process that takes four years.

**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.

2021 was 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**

Best of Vintage is as the name suggests, the very best (red) wine from the vintage, which gets to spend extra time in the best oak barrels. The process begins when Joch tastes every barrel of current red wine when it is time to start bottling them all. Every barrel is tasted and assessed. Any outstanding barrels are set aside for Best of Vintage.

2021 sees the emergence of Malbec into the Best of Vintage frame. Previously all of our Malbec was sold as grapes to a larger winery, but this vintage Joch decided to keep some back for our own purposes. Malbec is a lesser-known variety in our region (and in Bordeaux where it comes from). It's a super blending wine, bringing deep colour and tannins to the mix.

Each parcel of grapes is open fermented on their skins in small 2 tonne vessels, are pumped over twice daily (to extract colour flavour and tannin from the grapes and skins) and finish ferment in fine oak barrels (French oak generally). Maturation continues in barrel. The 2021 Best of Vintage wine spent about 12 months in oak before blending and bottling.

**Tasting Note**

The 2021 Best of Vintage has a deep colour, showing dark and red fruits on the nose. It has a medium-full body and great length and delicious tannins. There's more than a hint of red, blue and black fruits on the palate. It will happily spend time (5-10 years) in your cellar maturing or can be enjoyed after decanting. A wine with great depth and intensity.

**Technical Details**

Vineyard:	Edgehill, Chanticleer and Winery Block
Varieties:	Shiraz (67%), Malbec (33%)
Picking Dates:	Malbec 2nd Mar '21, Shiraz 24th Jun '21 & 2nd Mar '21
Alc/ Vol:	14.5% alc/vol
Bottling Date:	1st March 2022
Volume bottled	118 six packs produced.



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