



BATTLE
of
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McLAREN VALE



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2023 'Heretic' Touriga Nacional (42%) Mataro (32%)

Graciano (20%) Shiraz (6%) 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.

Vintage 2023

We had a very wet winter (between June and September) and a cool wet spring, which tested the mettle of our in-house viticulturist/ vigneron, AKA Joch. As a result of these trying conditions, vintage started later than in previous years (we picked Chardonnay on the 15th February in #v2023) and we had much smaller volumes than in 2022 or 2021. We had a few warm days in January and February and picked the whites quite quickly, then about 10mm of rain in early March which settled the dust and stopped picking for a little while. Despite the smaller vintage, the quality of grapes was excellent across both red and white varieties.

Winemaking

We pick and ferment the 4 varieties separately so they can develop their own varietal characters before they get blended prior to a little bit of oak maturation and bottling. Joch picks on sugar and flavour ripeness, which of course varies with all varieties.

Tasting Note

More than the sum of its parts, Heretic is a super blend of 'alternative' varieties, bringing Iberian flavours and savoury goodness to the wine, with a soupcon of that McLaren Vale classic, Shiraz. A wine for all seasons, Heretic has a cherry blossom nose with dark fruits on the soft, savoury palate. It finishes nice and tight and focused and has a lovely gravelly grainy structure and length.

Gold Medal (96 pts) 2023 Melbourne Wine Awards

Gold Medal (96 Pts) 2023 Australia Alternative Varieties Wine Show

Trophy (Best Red Blend) 2023 Australian Alternative Varieties Wine Show

<http://show.aavws.com/views/public/wineshowresults>

Technical Details

Vineyard:	Dutchmans and Dentons
Picking Dates:	Touriga April 4 2023, Mataro April 4 2023, Graciano 23 March 2023, Shiraz 29 March 2023
Alc/ Vol:	14.0% alc/vol
Bottling Date:	24 August 2023



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