



2019 Bleeding Heart Shiraz

Grape Variety:	100% Shiraz
Region:	74% Lower Murray, 26% McLaren Vale
Winemaker:	Jim Zerella
Closure:	Screwcap
Alcohol:	13.5%



Summary: Bleeding Heart Wine was born from a shared passion in the wines and vineyards of South Australia. The ancient soils and moderate climate create rich and full bodied wines that are incredibly satisfying. Few that experience the lifestyle of food and wine or the beautiful landscape could argue that it is not better a bleeding heart than none at all.

Vineyards: Sourced from a combination of established, dry-grown vineyards in central South Australia and low-yielding McLaren Vale vineyards. Wines are made and matured by Jim Zerella in McLaren Vale. The combination of two regions delivers well-balanced wines with excellent intensity of flavour whilst maintaining elegance and versatility as a food match.

Winemaking: Fruit is chilled before de-stemming and a cold soak for three days. Each parcel is fermented separately with the McLaren Vale Shiraz fermented in small open two tonne vessels before maturation in two to four-year-old oak barrels for six months. The Lower Murray component is fermented and matured in stainless steel before blending.

Vintage 2019: 2019 was challenging and hot in the South of Australia. The season started at a cracking pace with a hot and early summer that reduced yields. A dry winter was followed by a cool spring before a number of exceptionally hot days prior to vintage. Subsequently yields were down but quality remained excellent.

Tasting Note: A bright, lifted nose of red fruits, milk chocolate and subtle spices meshed comfortably with subtle oak influence. The palate is mouth-filling and rich with ripe fruit flavours of blackberry and cassis framed by supple tannins. Approachable and rewarding now with the trademark richness and depth of McLaren Vale making it perfect with a chargrilled steak.