



RUSTY MUTT

2022 RUSTY MUTT ORIGINAL SHIRAZ



THE NAME

"I called my wine range 'Rusty Mutt' as I was born in the Year of The Metal Dog in Chinese Astrology. Metal Dog was then 'Australianised' to Rusty Mutt. The first wine I produced under my Rusty Mutt label was a Shiraz, hence 'Original.'" - Scott Heidrich (owner / winemaker).

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2022 McLaren Vale vintage benefited from stable spring conditions and a cool, dry ripening period that promoted slow, even fruit development. Although yields were slightly below average, fruit quality was outstanding, showing excellent balance, concentration and natural acidity.

Reds, particularly Shiraz, Grenache and Cabernet Sauvignon, deliver deep colour, fine tannins and vibrant dark-fruit intensity, while whites retain freshness and aromatic lift. Overall, 2022 stands out as a refined, well-defined vintage with strong character and promising ageing potential.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

A deep, inky red with excellent colour density and a bright youthful rim, this wine shows real energy in the glass. Lifted aromas of cool menthol, fresh herbs and subtle spice gradually reveal dark chocolate, savoury meats and deeper fruit layers as it breathes.

Medium-bodied, it features smooth, fine tannins that offer structure without hardness. Ripe red berries drive the palate, gaining richness with time. The finish is clean, fresh and lively, lifted by bright acidity. Still youthful, it promises further complexity with age.

STYLE & FOOD MATCH

A balanced, fruit-forward red well suited to shared meals – think roast duck, red-braised pork, barbecue lamb skewers or rich mushroom dishes.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Winemaker: Scott Heidrich

Region: McLaren Vale

Varietal: Shiraz

Winemaking: Open ferments, pumped over daily. 7 days on skins before membrane pressing. Matured in a mix of second fill French and American oak puncheons and hogsheads for 22 months.

Alc: 14.8% **pH:** 3.36 **TA:** 6.87g/L **RS:** 1.5g/L

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