



# RUSTY MUTT

## 2022 RUSTY MUTT ROCKY OX G.S.M



### 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 Rocky Ox GSM was named after my daughter Kara, who was born in the Year of the Earth Ox." - 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, vibrant red with youthful purple hues, brilliant and inviting in the glass. Ripe black cherry and red berry fruits lead the nose, supported by hints of chocolate, soft spice, and gentle floral perfume. A subtle coffee roast and earthy undertone add depth and intrigue.

The palate is smooth and generous, filled with juicy red berry flavours across the mid-palate. Fine, cocoa-like tannins give a rounded structure, creating a silky, harmonious mouthfeel. The finish is long, savoury and refreshing, leaving a clean, lingering impression.

### 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:** Grenache (62%) / Shiraz (23%) / Mataro (15%)

**Winemaking:** Open ferments, pumped over daily. 7 days on skins before membrane pressing. Matured in a second and third fill French oak puncheons for 20 months.

**Alc:** 14.8% **pH:** 3.34 **TA:** 6.32g/L **RS:** 1.6g/L

Rusty Mutt Wines | PO Box 724 MSC Torrens Park SA 5062

E: [scott@rustymutt.com.au](mailto:scott@rustymutt.com.au) W: [www.rustymutt.com.au](http://www.rustymutt.com.au) P: +61 8 7228 6183