

SPRING SEED WINE CO.



SPRING SEED WINE 'SCARLET RUNNER' 2019 McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ

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Spring Seed Wines are made from grapes lovingly grown in our family's organic vineyard, located in the premium wine region of McLaren Vale, South Australia. The vineyard was established in the early 1970's by Peter and Anthea Bosworth, and is now owned and run by their son Joch, who began the conversion to organic viticulture in 1995. 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, fertilisers, or GMOs.

The Spring Seed Wine labels are unashamedly inspired by vintage flower seed packets created at the turn of the last century. The colour, clarity and beauty of the original seed packets are quite remarkable. We chose three different flower images to adorn each one of our McLaren Vale wines, simply because they are quite lovely. The Scarlet Runner Shiraz displays the Hardy and Half hardy Climbers, Centaurea (*Centaurea Nervosa*) and Zinnia (*Zinnia Elegans*) labels.

Vintage 2019

We had good spring rains but lower summer rainfall than we usually receive in McLaren Vale. As a result of this dry growing period, disease pressure was low (no mildews!) although we had a couple of heat spikes in late January and some hot days in February which resulted in reduced crops compared to 2018 (down by up to 30% depending on variety). Whites were picked early in February and picking of the reds started at the beginning of March and was largely all over by the end of the month. Quality is terrific however, naturally.

Winemaking

We employed a mixture of open and small tank fermentation in making this our 12th edition of the Scarlet Runner Shiraz. This is how we make all of our red wines at Battle of Bosworth and Spring Seed Wines (apart from the Puritan) We use mainly older oak to mature the wine, which is a mix of both French and a small amount of American oak. We use about 10% new oak. The idea is to let the fruit speak for itself...

We pick the grapes according to ripeness and flavour, then bring them to the winery, crush the grapes and put them into open fermenters. Some of the grapes are fermented in older oak barrels, some in stainless steel tanks. The trick is letting the pristine McLaren Vale fruit characters shine through, and we don't want to smother the classic regional spice and chocolate characters with too much oak. Scarlet Runner is generally bottled by the end of the year it was made in.

Tasting Note

The 2019 Scarlet Runner Shiraz has a nose of black fruits and black fruit pastille (jubes). It has a full middle weight palate with lots of black fruit with a hint of liquorice and anise. It is all supported by fine supple tannins. It's a cracking McLaren Vale shiraz; it's balanced, has lovely fruit on both the nose and palate. Verdict? Delicious!

Technical Details

Vineyard:	Bradens, Edgehill and the Hill Shiraz, Chanticleer, Winery Block, Dutchmans
Picking Dates:	15th February - 7th March 2019
Alc/ Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	31st July 2020



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