

# HUGO WINES

We are a family business with a long history, recently taken over by the fifth generation. Our single estate vineyard in McLaren Vale is uniquely high and cool. The old vines and more recent plantings all produce exceptional fruit that's healthy and balanced – the wines are fresh and bright, but with complexity and depth; layered, just like the site on which they grow. Our vines are our family and our wines have been recognised for more than 40 years.

## HUGO Shiraz 2022

*The hallmark of the Hugo range is the Hugo Shiraz. Due to the unique location of the Hugo estate at the foothills of McLaren Vale conditions are markedly cooler due to the elevation and gully breezes. This results in a longer ripening period and a more elegant McLaren Vale shiraz with great intensity of flavor's, mouthfeel & complexity. Select parcels are taken at optimal ripeness from the Hugo Estate with careful barrel selection used to create the final blend.*

**Tasting Note** Bright, vibrant purple fruits on the nose, balanced with plum, violets, blueberry and a herbaceous undertow on the palate, with a soft yet generous mouthfeel which will continue to develop with cellaring.

**Vintage** The region's mild summer and warm autumn resulted in a gentle and slow ripening period and delayed harvest, producing outstanding fruit. While it was a wet La Niña-influenced year for other parts of Australia, McLaren Vale's vineyards received below average rainfall. Wines tended to show a high natural acidity.

**Vineyard** HUGO Estate grown Shiraz from 3 blocks planted by the Hugo family in 1969, 1972 & 1988 on the elevated Hugo estate. Single cordon with lift up foliage wires.

**Winemaking** Portion of whole berries added to ferment to maximise the aromatics and mouth feel. Fermented on skins for 10 days with gentle pump-overs, generally twice per day.

Maturation in 15% new, remainder 1-4 year old French oak hogsheads & larger format French oak puncheons for 16 months.

**Variety**  
Shiraz 100%

**Region**  
McLaren Vale

**Year Planted**  
1969, 1972 & 1988

**Elevation**  
180-200 metres above sea level.

**Soils**  
Rich loam onto clay with river bedrock.

**Cellaring**  
6 + years

