

2012 PENNY'S HILL McLAREN VALE 'THE SPECIALIZED'



FROM A WELL ROUNDED 2012 McLAREN VALE VINTAGE, OUR ESTATE BLEND, 'THE SPECIALIZED' COMBINES A LARGE PORTION OF SHIRAZ WITH SIMILAR AMOUNTS OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND MERLOT FOR A WINE WHICH TYPIFIES THE REGION AT ITS BEST – LUSH FRUIT IN ABUNDANCE.

VARIETALS: Shiraz – 42%
Cabernet Sauvignon – 36%
Merlot – 22%

REGION: McLaren Vale

VINEYARD: Shiraz and Cabernet from the narrow-planted, high density vines of the Penny's Hill Vineyard are combined with Malpas Road Merlot found on black, cracking, 'Bay of Biscay' and brown loam soils immediately south of the Penny's Hill Cellars. Hand-tended, the vines were harvested in March 2012.

VINIFICATION: Each parcel was vinified separately in the winery. Fruit was destemmed then crushed and fermented on skins for approximately 7 days, to extract sufficient colour, flavour and tannin. Post pressing, wine underwent secondary fermentation and maturation in oak barrels, of which approximately 20% was new oak. After 16 months of maturation, perfect balance was obtained for each parcel and the wine was blended. Bottling occurred in September 2013.

COLOUR: Deep red with crimson hue

BOUQUET: Bright plum, dark cherry and mulberry fruit combined with McLaren Vale earthiness, spice and cedary oak

PALATE: A veritable starburst of fruit, 'The Specialized' bursts onto the palate with a lively dark fruit flavour. Harmoniously balanced by fine savoury tannin and earthiness and supported by subtle oak, this wine has great complexity and length. Acting as a moderator in this wine, the Merlot softens off the Cabernet Sauvignon tannins and robustness of the Shiraz.

CELLARING: Stored carefully, 'The Specialized' will develop and improve in bottle for another 8-10 years.

TECHNICAL DETAILS: pH 3.48 | TA 6.74 g/L | Alc/Vol 14.5%

PRODUCTION: 2,838 six packs

