



RUSTY MUTT

- TASTING NOTE - 2022 CHIEN VIOLET ORGANIC 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. I am thrilled to release my first fully Organic Rusty Mutt wine! The grapes have come from a certified Organic vineyard called "Wit's End" in McLaren Vale. This vineyard is known for it's lovely bright red fruits and Violet floral notes, hence the name 'Chien Violet' which is "Violet Dog" in French." - **Scott Heidrich (Owner / Winemaker)**

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The season started with above average winter and early spring rains, before experiencing dry conditions throughout summer and autumn, leading to lower rainfall overall. Vines held condition well due to a cool summer, and winemaking was made easier by gentle ripening conditions.

Overall, we would rank 2022 right up there for quality. Reds have intense, rich and balanced flavours and colours. Whites have pretty aromatics and natural acidity.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Incredibly youthful vibrant purples with depth and intensity. With time in the glass, aromatic red berry fruits and this vineyards hallmark violet floral character grow in intensity. Sweet and savoury Teriyaki notes fill out this complex aroma.

Forget any pre-conceived ideas you may have about organic wines. This is a McLaren Vale Shiraz first and foremost. Bright fruit, dark chocolate texture and a savoury meat umami flavour that leaves you wanting more. The tannins are young but surprisingly smooth, which roll to the perfectly gentle acidity on the finish.

FOOD MATCH

Enjoy with Teriyaki Beef, Sticky Pork or Beef Ribs, Slow Roasted Beef Brisket, Lamb Shanks and Filet Mignon.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Winemaker: Scott Heidrich

Region: McLaren Vale

Varietal: Shiraz

Oak Treatment: Aged in 1 year old French & American oak puncheons and hogsheads for 12 months.

Alc: 14.0% **pH:** 3.55 **TA:** 6.09 **RS:** 1.8 g/L



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