



RUSTY MUTT

- TASTING NOTE -
2021 ROCKY OX
G.S.M

THE WINE

"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

Good winter and early spring rains were followed by generally dry and moderate temperatures during growing season. Flowering conditions were considered very good, particularly for the later ripening varieties, resulting in higher berry numbers per bunch.

Canopies developed well and were balanced to the slightly above average yields. Slow and steady ripening, without excessive heat, resulted in superb varietal fruit intensity with balanced natural acidity and fine tannin structures. The 2021 McLaren Vale vintage and the resulting wines, were simply outstanding.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

A bright purple / red with good depth and vibrancy. There's a crisp, bright red berry aroma that immediately comes forward. More subtle notes of earth, savoury meat, musk sticks and violets show themselves as the wine opens up.

Luscious Grenache fruit flavours quickly fill the mouth attempting to hide the complex workings underneath. Slowly but surely, fleshy ripe tannins grow and spread revealing a structure and acidity that will keep the wine alive for many years to come.

FOOD MATCH

Enjoy with farmed Kangaroo and Berry Glaze, Lamb Cutlets, Pork with Pomegranate Glaze, Sticky Pork Ribs, Turkey with Cranberry glaze. Finish with a medium strong Blue Cheese or White Castello.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Winemaker: Scott Heidrich
Region: McLaren Vale
Varietal: Grenache 69% / Shiraz 21% / Mataro 10%
Oak Treatment: Aged in seasoned American & French oak puncheons for 20 months.

Alc: 14.5% pH: 3.40 TA: 6.37g/L RS: 2.5g/L



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