



RUSTY MUTT

2020 RUSTY MUTT ORIGINAL 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**. The first wine I produced under my Rusty Mutt label was a Shiraz, hence '**Original**.'" - Scott Heidrich (owner / winemaker).

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2020 McLaren Vale vintage was defined by a hot, dry season and significantly reduced yields, leading to concentrated, intensely flavoured fruit. Early spring frosts and strong winds affected set, while summer heatwaves accelerated ripening and required careful vineyard management.

Harvest began earlier than usual, with small berries delivering deep colour, firm tannins and powerful flavour profiles in red varieties. Despite low volumes, overall quality was excellent, producing bold, structured wines with impressive density, freshness and longevity potential. Whites showed clarity, purity and vibrant acidity.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

A deep, inky red with impressive colour density and a bright youthful rim, this wine shows real vibrancy in the glass. Lifted aromatics of cool menthol, fresh herbs and gentle spice evolve with air to reveal dark chocolate, savoury meats and layered dark fruit.

Medium-bodied, it delivers smooth, fine tannins that frame the palate without edge. Ripe red berries lead the flavour profile, gaining depth and richness over time. The finish is clean, fresh and lively, supported by bright acidity. Still youthful, it will gain further complexity with age.

STYLE & FOOD MATCH

Enjoy with slow cooked Lamb Shanks, Steak and Mushroom Pie, Fat Italian Sausages and Angus Beef Burgers.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Winemaker: Scott Heidrich

Region: McLaren Vale

Varietal: Shiraz

Winemaking: Matured in a mix of second fill French and American oak puncheons and hogsheads for 22 months.

Alc: 14.5% **pH:** 3.39 **TA:** 6.48g/L **RS:** 2.0g/L

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