

## *Reviews & Awards*

### ANGELS RISE VINEYARD

#### 2020 SHIRAZ McLAREN VALE

##### REVIEWS

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**Halliday Wine Companion 2024 - 95 Points - GOLD**

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**Halliday Wine Companion - Ned Goodwin - June 2023 - 95 Points**

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**Robert Parker Wine Advocate - October 2022 - 94 Points**

"The 2020 Angel's Rise Vineyard Shiraz has a palate that is creamy, verging on luxurious, and consists of pillowy layers of tannin between each sheet of fruit. The wine settles in the mouth more than it washes over it, and there is a languid play of flavor through the finish. Despite the warm, dry conditions of 2020, the Shirazes and Grenaches I have tasted from McLaren Vale display great freshness and energy. They're excellent. As this is. It is spicy and lean in the tannin shape, but plump and alive in the fruit space. Elegant."

**Steve - Q Wine Reviews - May 2024 - 95 Points**

"Dark fruits stain the mouth. There is a measured generosity that pulls you closer. Smoked meats and chorizo ride on the back of blackberries and dark cherry fruit. Baking and meat rub spices are woven throughout and are glued to a long and engaging finish. Some tannin chew urges another sip and it's hard to ignore. A stunning wine that will age gracefully Drink to ten years+"

**Jeni Port - Wine Pilot - May 2024 - 94 Points**

"A modern take on McLaren Vale Shiraz boasting generosity but beautifully re-defined, highlighting elevated spice and a tightly knitted palate. Has typical Vale weight, but also impressive presence and structure. Extended aging potential is assured. Black cherries, plum, cassis, layers of lively spice in nutmeg, clove and cinnamon with aniseed. Ripe, well-rounded tannins add a savoury, earthy note, gathering prominence as the wine opens up. Brings a warm and inviting personality to the glass, highlighting black and red fruits and well-managed oak married to the most attractive spiciness."



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**Andrew Graham - OzWine Review - July 2024 - 94 Points**

In 2019, the family bought the Angel Gully Vineyard at Clarendon from Primo Estate, that vineyard has felt different from the rest of the Vale. It's cooler and more Adelaide Hills-y, which is unsurprising for a block at 270m, one of the region's highest. The first Angove-branded releases from this ex-Primo vineyard are now landing, and they have a little specialness, too – like this Angove Angels Rise Vineyard Shiraz 2020. You'll notice the vineyard is now called Angels Rise, and even in 2020, where shitloads of McLaren Vale Shiraz releases look a bit drying and ungenerous, this Shiraz has life. The 18 months in barrel feels like it has only helped, rather than intruding, and the wine is bottled unfined/unfiltered. Clever. There's complexity here – a little charcuterie, molten leaf litter, olives and dark plum fruit. Oak adds an uplift, and the tannins are finely grippy with a chocolatey spiced palate. A real McLaren Vale/Adelaide Hills mashup wine (you could even call it Syrah) with impressive balance, even if the finish a teensy bit warm (hello 2020 again). I like so much.

**Ken Gargett - Wine Pinot - June 2024 - 93 Points**

"This vineyard is located high in the Clarendon sub-region of McLaren Vale, at 305 metres above sea level. The vines are in excess of twenty-five years of age. This is the first release of this wine. This is a dark garnet colour. More restrained and tighter than the more powerful Warboys. Very much a savoury style with earthy notes, aniseed, black cherry, beefstock, coffee grinds and black fruits. Plenty of power but in a more refined manner. Good balance. The palate sees the emerge of cassis and plum notes. A long finish with sleek tannins. This is very attractive and should provide impressive drinking for the next ten to twenty years."

**Ned Goodwin MW - JamesSuckling.com - 2023 - 95 POINTS**

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**Angus Hughson - Wine Pilot - June 2024 - 90 Points**

"This inaugural vintage of the Angels Rise Shiraz from Clarendon in 2020 is a reserved expression with elegant aromas of licorice and dark cherry with some slaty complexity. Supple textures make for a highly approachable offering punctuated by al-dente tannins to finish."

**Aaron Brasher - The Real Review - September 2024 - 90 Points**

"Dark red and youthful in the glass. There's plenty of plum, mulberry and dark cherry aromatics, along with menthol, briar and spice. Dark fruited and firm in the mouth, there's also an earthy, minty, leafy edge that runs through the palate. The tannins are firm and savoury, and the mintiness dominates the finish."

#### AWARDS

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Melbourne International Wine Competition 2022 - **DOUBLE GOLD - 96 POINTS**

AWC International Wine Competition 2023 - **Silver**

London Wine Competition 2023 - **Silver**

Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition 2022 - **Gold**

Mundus Vini Spring Tasting 2022 - **Silver**

