

## *Reviews & Awards*

### **ANGELS RISE VINEYARD**

#### **2020 SHIRAZ** McLAREN VALE

##### REVIEWS

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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 unfinned/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."

###### **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. "

##### 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**

