



PRODUCER

In a very short space of time, Stephen Pannell has gone from being one of Australia's best and brightest young talents to one of their most lauded winemakers.

He is a two-time winner of the fabled Jimmy Watson Trophy, the most prestigious wine award in Australia, and also won the top prize at the Alternative Varietals Wine Show three out of the last five years. Stephen moved into his own McLaren Vale winery in 2014, and now owns 36 hectares of vineyard. This control over his fruit has enabled him to take quality to an even higher level.

One of the key factors behind his success is the freshness in all his wines, something he achieves by picking earlier. "I can only pick early due to better viticulture", he says. He is looking for the varietal 'stamp' rather than 'varietal character' in his wines, causing him to create blends such as the Grenache/Shiraz/Touriga, where the sum is greater than the parts. Because of this fresher 'stamp', he is also actively reducing oak influence in his wines by moving to larger, more neutral oak vessels.

VINEYARDS

The Field Street Shiraz is made from fruit sourced from vineyards that surround the estate's Oliver Road home. In every sense this wine is at the heart of the S.C. Pannell label. This wine is stripped back from the artifice of winemaking to express the purity and breadth of McLaren Vale Shiraz.

VINTAGE

2018 was a vintage without extremes, kind to both winemakers and vines alike. Grapes had lovely freshness and vivacity, the crops were of an average size and there was consistency throughout, despite the dryness of the soil.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand harvested. Grapes were crushed and spent nine days on the skins. After fermentation, the wine was left for 12 months in 2,800 litre French oak vats, of which 20% were new. This wine is drinking well now but it will also reward cellaring over the next ten years.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose there is a lovely purity of fruit, aromas of violets are coupled with the beautiful perfume of a punnet full of fresh berries. The palate is medium-bodied, velvety and plush, with lovely, earthy tannins and a lifted finish.

Grape Varieties	100% Shiraz
Winemaker	Stephen Pannell
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14%
Acidity	6.7g/L
Wine pH	3.58