

# HUGO

(MCLAREN VALE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

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Hugo Wines is situated in the McLaren Vale wine region which continues to build on its reputation as a source of quality wines not only from the big national labels but also from some of the smaller boutique wineries. Such recognition has been awarded to Hugo Wines whose origins date back to 1970 when John Hugo followed in his father's footsteps on the family vineyard at McLaren Flat. John produced his first Shiraz in 1979 and the Cellar Door was opened in October 1982.

John's father Colin Hugo planted the original vines dating back to 1950. The vineyard of approximately 30 hectares includes varieties such as Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Grenache. Consistency in regard to quality is what Hugo Wines strive for, and the fact that all of the fruit is estate grown makes the job that much easier.

The climate soils and proximity to the coast are also contributing factors in maintaining the quality of the wines produced by the Hugo family.

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## Reserve Shiraz 2016

CSPC# 716000

750mlx6

14.5% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>Winemaker</b>	Renae Hirsch
<b>Vintage</b>	Only made in years with exceptional vintage conditions, the Hugo reserve shiraz is sourced from the oldest shiraz vines on the Hugo estate planted by John Hugo in 1969.
<b>Vineyards</b>	100% estate grown grapes. Sourced from the first Shiraz vines planted by John Hugo on the Hugo Estate planted in 1969. Low yielding vines which produce the best fruit on the property. The 4 Acre 'Old vine' Shiraz vines are handpicked, and hand sorted before ferment.
<b>Harvest</b>	These old gnarly vines are hand-picked, and hand sorted and consistently produce wines of depth, intensity and generous mouthfeel while still having fine soft tannins.
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Fermentation 8 days over skins and matured in 65% French and 35% American oak hogsheads. 35% New Oak, remaining balance 1-3-year-old barrels. Careful Barrel selection then used for final wine.
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Intense, violet/blue with ruby highlights. Clean, with lifted, fresh, dark berry fruit esters, leading to a developed bouquet that includes notes of black pepper, molasses, and vanilla. Clean and intense, featuring volumes of juicy, black currant, blood plum and dark cherry fruit elements that are enhanced by the lingering complex flavours and diverse characteristics experienced in the mouthfeel. In addition, displaying excellent fruit/acid/tannin balance which is achieved by the careful use of quality oak and individual barrel selection of old vine, dry grown fruit exclusively from the family estate. Drinking well and will continue to for many years.
<b>Winemaker's Notes</b>	This single vineyard wine is made from grapes specially selected from our oldest dry grown Shiraz vines. They yield small berries that produce concentrated fruit resulting in a wine which shows excellent colour, depth and complexity with characters of plum and hints of spice.
<b>Serve with</b>	Rib eye steak with crispy kipfler potatoes.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2020-2028
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>92 points</b> - James Halliday 2019 Wine Companion - June 2021
<b>Reviews</b>	<i>"The fruit is really good, but it is smothered in oak with a bitter walnut character. Still, there's soft, almost a silky texture on the fuller-bodied palate, the tannins peel away letting the fruit and more savoury nuances through."</i> - JH, Australian Wine Companion

