

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.

Shiraz Cabernet 2018

CSPC# 816714

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

52% Shiraz, 48% Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker Renae Hirsch

Vineyards 75% Hugo Estate grown Shiraz from 2 outstanding blocks planted by John Hugo in 1972 & 1988 on the elevated Hugo estate. 25% Hugo Estate grown Cabernet Sauvignon planted by John and Liz Hugo in 1988 on the elevated Single cordon with fixed foliage/catch wires. The Shiraz block planted in 1988 was handpicked.

Vinification/ Fermented on skins for 6 days in pump over fermenters.

Maturation Aged in French & American Oak hogsheads (50/50), 20% new Oak & remaining 80% 1-3-year-old barrels for 8 months.

Tasting Notes Bright dark maroon with purple hues. Volumes of blackberry and red berry spice with hints of dark cherry. Medium to full bodied with volumes of blackcurrant, mulberry, black cherry flavours with influences of mixed spice, pepper, black olive and a hint of red capsicum. Well balanced use of new and older French oak highlights the velvet glove approach, with softening fine integrating tannins and good palate length. This wine is drinking well and is showing excellent cellaring potential.

Winemaker's This Shiraz Cabernet blend is from selected parcels of handpicked estate grown fruit. Created by co-fermentation to enhance the integration of both grape varieties. A classic Australian blend combining the length of the cabernet sauvignon characters, cherry and mulberry with the shiraz, plum and blackcurrant on the palate.

Serve with Serve with lamb, Duck or BBQ meats.

Cellaring Drinking well and will continue to develop.

Scores/Awards **91 Points** - Jane Faulkner, James Halliday 2020 Wine Companion - August 2020

Reviews *"A 52/48% split that has gelled, offering lots of spice, dark berries with a whisper of cassis, licorice and aniseed. Fuller-bodied with tannins firmly in place, yet in-between a succulence to the fruit, just a nagging green bitter walnut pinch to the finish."*

- JF, Wine Companion

