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SPRING SEED WINE 'COCKSCOMB' 2021 McLAREN VALE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Spring Seed Wines are made from grapes lovingly grown in our family's organic vineyard, located in the premium wine region of McLaren Vale, South Australia. The vineyard was established in the early 1970's by Peter and Anthea Bosworth, and is now owned and run by their son Joch, who began the conversion to organic viticulture in 1995. Organic farming is based on minimising the use of external inputs, and as such our certified organic grapes are grown and processed without the use of synthetic chemicals or fertilisers.

The Spring Seed Wine labels are unashamedly inspired by vintage flower seed packets created at the turn of the last century. The colour, clarity and beauty of the original seed packets are quite remarkable. We chose three different flower images to adorn each one of our McLaren Vale wines, simply because they are quite lovely. The Cockscomb Cabernet Sauvignon displays the Cockscomb (*Celosia cockscomb*), Ageratum (*Ageratum houstonianum*) and Balsam (*Impatiens balsamina*) labels.

Vintage 2021

Good winter and early spring rains were followed by a generally dry and mild growing season. After the leaner vintages of 2019 and 2020 it was nice to see a return to long term average crop levels. We had a slow and steady ripening period without any excessive heat spikes which has resulted in super varietal fruit intensity and balanced natural acidity.

A Mary Poppins kind of vintage; practically perfect! Joch is always loathe to comment favourably about vintage quality, for fear of jinxing things – he can be superstitious like that, but by the end of harvest, the word 'exceptional' was heard to come out of his mouth.

Winemaking

Picked when flavour and sugar ripe, the Cabernet grapes go through an old-fashioned process; we crush them and ferment them in small open vessels until nearly dry, and then pump the wine into mainly older French Hogshead barrels (300 litres). The wine gets oak treatment, but not so much to obscure the vibrant Cabernet characters. We allow it to mature in oak for about 12 months, and let it settle in bottle for some time before we release it.

Tasting Note

Dark ruby red hue. A gorgeous nose of blackberry and bramble, along with dark berry fruit. Very varietal – it has super length and lovely, persistent tannins which frames the palate. Don't re-invent the wheel! Serve with roast lamb.

91 Points from the Real Wine Review 'Great bang for buck' (#4 out of 22 2021 McLaren Vale Cabernets, Top Value Award and Top Ranking, recommended)

Technical Details

Vineyard:	Winery, Chanticleer, Dutchmans, Bradens and Edgehill
Picking Dates:	2nd and 20th March and 7th April 2021
Alc/ Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	16th Aug 2022

~ made with organically grown grapes from our vineyard ~