

2013 Protector Cabernet



Tasting Notes

Aroma

Lifted generous nose displaying blackcurrant, mulberry, blueberry with hints of dried herbs, underlying spice with a delicate hint of sour cherry.

Palate

Full bodied with a velvety silk lined balanced palate, dark fruits dominate the palate with subtle nuances of blueberry and raspberry reduction. Integrated oak spice and tannin give rise to a round finish with hints of chocolate, mint and tobacco.

Vineyards

Selected from three meso-climatic regions and four vineyards of McLaren Vale. The first from Seaview producing rich structural wines with darker fruit and violet lift. The second two from McLaren Flat produce elegant lifted wines with fine tannins, and are from the vineyard surrounding the winery and towards Blewitt Springs, The fourth from Blewitt Springs produces wines with elegant red fruits and hints of mint.

The Protector Story

The Celts believed Hazel to have protective powers. If you wore a badge of Hazel you would be protected from evil spirits, sea captains would wear twigs of Hazel woven in their hats to protect themselves from the wickedness of the sea.

Irish Mythical Legend Finn McCool used a shield made from Hazel to protect him. Cabernet Sauvignon's high tannin content symbolises this protection by protecting the wine during the ageing process.



Region	McLaren Vale	Alcohol /pH / TA	14.0	3.52	7.6
Variety	Cabernet Sauvignon	Winemaking			
Harvest Dates	28 th Feb – 14 th March 2013	De-stemmed but not crushed into open fermenters with 3 day cold soak. Plunged 3 x day for 8 days on skins then pressed of to finish ferment in barrel (new & used FO). Vineyard Batches kept separate until blending after 15 months maturation.			
Bottling Date	2 nd July 2014				
Release Date	1 st October 2014				
Cellaring	Drink 2013 to 2020				