

NACIONAL

2019 McLaren Vale Touriga

Grab

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Spiel

The Eusebio of the classic Portuguese varieties, Touriga Nacional is ideally suited to the maritime climate of McLaren Vale. A fast, lively red with a great right foot, this vinho do Vale is made for immediate enjoyment at all team events. We hope it kicks a goal for you.

Colour

Vibrant red

Bouquet

Lifted red and blue fruits with a hint of Earl Grey

Palate

Blue fruit flavours, with an Indian ink mid palate and an Earl Grey finish.

Grub Match

Hot wings, seafood skewers

Cellaring

Drink up, but also a 5-8 year proposition

Vintage

A very dry winter and spring, with frost events in September and November disrupting bud burst and flowering, resulted in the lightest crops in the past decade. January and February were warm and dry, and in conjunction with the low yields, ripening was rapid. Quick decision making and early picking resulted in whites with great aromatics, and reds with great intensity and structure thanks also to the light crops and early tannin maturity. 2019 was a challenging vintage, but one of the most rewarding, with our alternative varieties showing particularly well. The overall quality is a tribute to our growers and their perseverance in a difficult growing season. We salute you!

Vineyard

Joch's vineyard is in the Willunga foothills in the south of the McLaren Vale - 130m above sea level on deep alluvial stony clay loam.

Vinification

The fruit is crushed/destemmed and fermented at temperatures ranging from 20- 25°C for 10 days on skins. The ferment is managed by a variety of techniques, including 'aerative pump overs' and 'drain and returns' which assist in extracting colour, flavour and tannin from the grapes. At the end of fermentation, it is drained/pressed, and transferred to 25% new French oak barriques, and the balance to 3 and 4 year old French oak barriques to undergo MLF. Post MLF, sulphur dioxide is added, and the wine matures sur lie for 18 months. This wine was bottled unfiltered in October 2020.

