



VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



BONDAR WINES



RAYNER VINEYARD SHIRAZ 2019

BONDAR WINES || Founded in 2013, Bondar is the vision of husband-and-wife team Andre Bondar and Selina Kelly. Their home is the Rayner Vineyard in McLaren Vale. The estate is comprised of plantings of dry-grown Grenache (up to 50 years old) and dry-grown Shiraz (up to 70 years old), with bush vine Grenache, bush vine Mourvedre, Carignan, Touriga, Counoise, Cinsault, and Sagrantino all more recent additions. Stylistically, Bondar is Andre and Selina's take on McLaren Vale fruit through the lens of cool climate experiences from the Northern Rhone to the Adelaide Hills.

RAYNER VINEYARD || This highly regarded property in McLaren Vale spans around 20 hectares, with about three-quarters of that acreage planted to vine. It's situated on the border of the Blewitt Springs and Beautiful View (Seaview) sub-regions, which provides valuable blending options as each sub-region performs differently depending on vintage conditions.

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BLEND | 100% Shiraz

VINEYARDS | Two blocks of the oldest vines on the estate Rayner Vineyard, planted in 1950. The two blocks that make up the blend have quite different soils - 75% of the wine comes from Block 24 which is planted in deep sandy soils with ironstone rocks (dry farmed). This portion gives wonderful fragrance and an elegant structure. 25% of the blend comes from Block 1, planted on shallow clay over a limestone base. This portion gives the bones, the structure around the prettier and fleshier sandy portion.

WINEMAKING | Hand-picked fruit, wild yeast ferment, 2 weeks on skins. About 20% whole bunches. 20 months ageing in mostly used French hogsheads (with 5% new oak as part of the final blend).

TASTING NOTES |

A very smooth rendition of full-bodied, big-flavored McLaren Vale shiraz, delivered with a silky touch. Perfectly balanced with soft fine acidity - spice, dark berries, brambles, raspberry, vanilla, black cherry, toffee.

