



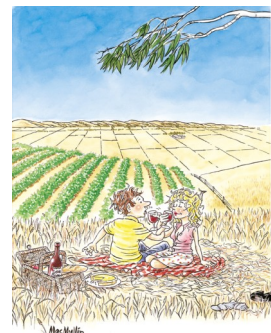
<i>Harvest dates</i>	<i>19 Feb - 30 Mar</i>
<i>Alcohol</i>	<i>14.2%</i>
<i>Residual sugar</i>	<i>0.6g/l</i>
<i>Titratable acid</i>	<i>6.5</i>
<i>pH</i>	<i>3.54</i>
<i>Oak maturation</i>	<i>18 months</i>
<i>Chief Winemaker</i>	<i>Chester Osborn</i>
<i>Senior Winemaker</i>	<i>Jack Walton</i>

# The Love Grass Shiraz 2011

*McLaren Vale, Shiraz (90%) Other Varieties (10%)*

## *The Name*

Lovegrass is a weed that grows in the vineyards and its sticky flowers affectionately attach themselves to vineyard workers' socks. This Shiraz will linger with you in the same way that the flowers do!



## *The Vintage*

There was ample winter and spring rain which provided good sub soil moisture and resulted in healthy canopies and good vigour. Summer conditions were very mild. Grapes ripened gracefully with only a few small rain episodes, enough to keep the vines fresh and vibrant. Rainfall was only a little over average for the first months of the year.

## *The Winemaking*

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation, the wine is basket pressed and then aged in French oak for up to 18 months.

## *The Characteristics*

The 2011 Love Grass, as always, displays a hedonistic mix of fruit and spice, a result of the myriad of minor varieties that cling to the bones of the Shiraz and draw it in all sorts of different directions.

Fresh and lively, black and red fruits, pepper, clove and cinnamon. The palate, whilst showing the poise and focus common amongst the 2011's, develops its richness in the glass.

Ensure you take a moment to savour this wine and watch its complex mix of fruits evolve from tight and linear at first to rich, dark and exotic.