

MMAD

VINEYARD

BLEWITT SPRINGS



2023 SHIRAZ

THE WINE

From a cool, late season in McLaren Vale, with enough rain at the right time to allow the old, dry grown vines to flourish. The vineyard signature of silky mid-palate with long, mineral tannins is clear here, as is the depth of flavour of fruit from old, well-balanced vines and moderate crop levels. There is light and shade on the palate – driven by pretty red fruit, inset with smatterings of richer blue fruit. Bright acidity and lifted florals bring a delicate filagree to what is a structured wine.

Serving Temperature - 16 – 18°C

Cellaring Potential - Has the concentration and structure to develop fine tertiary characters in bottle over the next 15 years.

ABV - 13.5%

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Located in the dress circle of Blewitt Springs, MMAD Vineyard has Grenache that was first planted in 1939, as well as Shiraz and Chenin Blanc, the oldest of which were planted in 1941 and 1964 respectively. The vineyard has the fine Maslin sands found in Blewitt Springs, and is exposed to the fresh sea breezes from the south-west. Below the sand is a layer of ironstone pebbles, and this combination of sand, ironstone, and cooling winds gives both perfume and structure to the wines.

THE STORY

The old vines of Blewitt Springs are a precious resource, and an important part of Australia's viticultural history. In early 2021, MMAD Vineyard was purchased by a quartet made up of winemakers Martin Shaw and Adam Wadewitz, and Masters of Wine Michael Hill-Smith and David LeMire. MMAD takes its name from their first initials. The MMAD wines aim to reflect the unique terroir of Blewitt Springs and the rare old vines that thrive there.