



2020 MCC



Variety:	40% Mataro (whole bunch) 20% Cinsault / 20% Carignan
Region:	McLaren Vale
Vineyard(s):	Lennon Vineyard
Soil(s):	Cracking clay over limestone
Viticulture:	Sustainable
Fermentation:	Open fermenter / Wild yeast / Co-ferment
Days on skins:	18
Elevage:	100% French hogsheads, 4-10 year old
Bottled:	November 18, 2020
Alcohol	14.7%

Ruby red with an attractive nose of clove, cinnamon, cherries and roses, the MCC delivers wildness and perfume in equal measures. Sweet red fruit contrasts the spiciness on the palate and finishes clean, dry and focused with rose petal and cherry notes on the after breath. Good acidity keeps the wine bright and fresh faced, albeit rustic and food friendly. Think Aussie Cotes du Rhone. -Brad Hickey

THE WINE

In 2013 Brash was asked by a new grower what grapes he'd be keen to see planted on his vineyard. Immediately Brash suggested Mataro, Cinsault, and Carignan, three stalwart red grapes of sunny Southern France, a region that McLaren Vale bares a strong climatic resemblance to. It took a few years to get a crop from the new plantings, but in 2017 Brash's first field blend from Lennon Vineyard came to fruition. All the fruit was hand picked on the same day and co-fermented wild with heaps of whole bunch Mataro (100%) to develop the peppery notes they wanted. Sweet cherry fruit flavors from the Cinsault and notes of wild roses from the Carignan complete the deal and provide the desired balance.

THE WINEMAKER

Brad Hickey (Brash Higgins) is a native of Chicago and a transplant of New York City, where he was an old-school Somm on the floor(s) of some of NYC's most iconic restaurants. After a couple trips to Australia, he picked up and moved down under to live and make wine with his partner, Nicole Thorpe. Together they own Omensetter Vineyard (Certified Organic) where they grow fruit for the Brash Higgins label. Brad also purchases some fruit from local, well-respected Growers who adhere to conscious farming. Brad's style is playful yet precise. All of his wines are made with a light hand, and they exude a perfumed and lifted aroma profile.

