

PAXTON

JONES BLOCK
SHIRAZ
McLAREN VALE
2023



VARIETY: 100% Shiraz

VINEYARD: Jones Block

COLOUR: Velvet rouge

AROMA: Complex and inviting, showing ripe blackberries and plum at the forefront, layered with notes of cigar box, cinnamon, and vanilla. Subtle chai spice and liquorice emerge, adding depth and intrigue, while a hint of crushed blueberries lifts the profile. The bouquet is precise, expressive, and finely balanced.

PALATE: Elegant and structured, the wine reveals layered, integrated tannins that lead into silky textures gliding across the palate, carrying both depth and quiet elegance. It builds with measured confidence, culminating in a persistent, lingering finish where gentle threads of berries and clove drift through the aftertaste, leaving an impression that is harmonious and suavely inviting.

MUSIC MATCH: Nothing's Easy – Jethro Tull

CELLARING: GOOD: Now BETTER: 2026-2030 KEEP: Until 2045

VINTAGE: Low and slow. The 2023 growing season was a time for viticulturalists to show off their impressive skills. From a cold and wet, seemingly never-ending winter to a Spring which seemed like it was still winter, a long, cool Summer which seemed like Spring, challenges were abound. Numerous climatic challenges including cool and windy weather during flowering, one of the wettest Springs for 30 years and even more windy weather in Summer meant that crops were small but our organic and biodynamic farming methods paid off – our vines showed incredible resilience to whatever came their way. A season that was around three weeks late on average and had a much slower ripening period means that 2023 wines show great acid, complex layers of delicate flavours, lightness, brightness, and longevity.

VINIFICATION: Grapes were hand-picked from Jones block in mid-March and destemmed into small open vats for fermentation. Hand-plunged daily by the winemaking team for around 20 days before pressing and racking to French oak barrels, around 20% new and the rest 2-4 years old. Aged in oak for 18 months before each barrel was tasted and only the best selected for this premium Single Vineyard wine.

ALCOHOL: 14.5%



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At Paxton Wines, we have been nurturing our family owned vineyards in McLaren Vale, South Australia, since 1979. We are leaders in organic and biodynamic winemaking.

Viticulturist David Paxton, along with the Winemakers have combined their years of experience, and by embracing biodynamic and organic practices (fully certified since 2011), are producing the healthiest of vines.

Through the use of natural preparations and composts, the soil and vine are able to find the perfect balance. The end result is exceptionally pure fruit and "Wines with Life".

