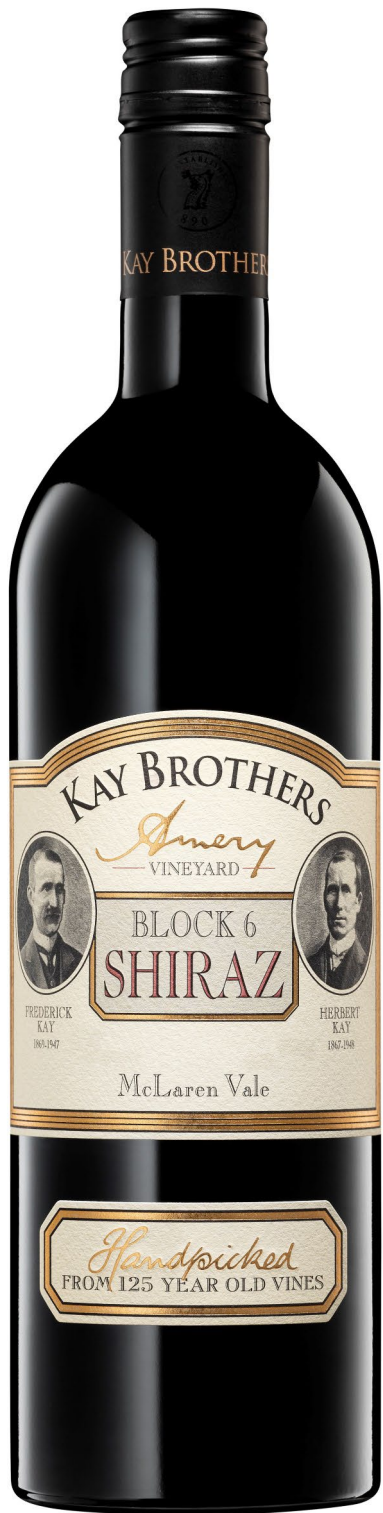




KAY BROTHERS

McLaren Vale



WINE DATA

Producer

Kay Brothers

Region

McLaren Vale

Country

Australia

Wine Composition

100% Shiraz,
Single-Vineyard

Alcohol

14%

2019

BLOCK 6 SHIRAZ

DESCRIPTION

Deep ruby color. Perfumed bouquet of potpourri, red fruits, charcuterie, and a hint of cedar. On the palate, layers of concentrated dark berry fruit, cacao, and black olive. Followed by slowly-building, fine-grained graphite tannins of immense length. Rich and concentrated, with power and finesse.

WINEMAKING

The block 6 vineyard faces east and rows run north-south, with significant undulation. 127-year-old vines are spur and cane pruned, with the canes wrapped onto the top wire of the low-lying trellis. The current 2.47 acres comprise a corner of red loam, some heavy clay in the middle of the block and gravelly alluvial soils on the lower side. The underlying "South Maslin Sands" soil is extremely complex, containing layers of glauconite, limestone, sandstone and siltstone.

The grapes for Block 6 were hand-picked, crushed, destemmed and plunged twice daily while spending 11 days on skins in the winery's traditional open-fermenters. The wine was then basket-pressed and matured for 24 months in 40% new French and American oak puncheons. It was bottled in June of 2020.

INTERESTING FACTS

Block 6 Shiraz 2019 is the 36th release of this unique, single-vineyard wine, celebrating 127 years of establishment with this vintage. The original Shiraz vines were planted by Herbert and Fredrick Kay in 1892. It has become the winery's signature wine.

SERVING HINTS

Decanting is recommended. This wine is ideally served at with hearty meat and game dishes.