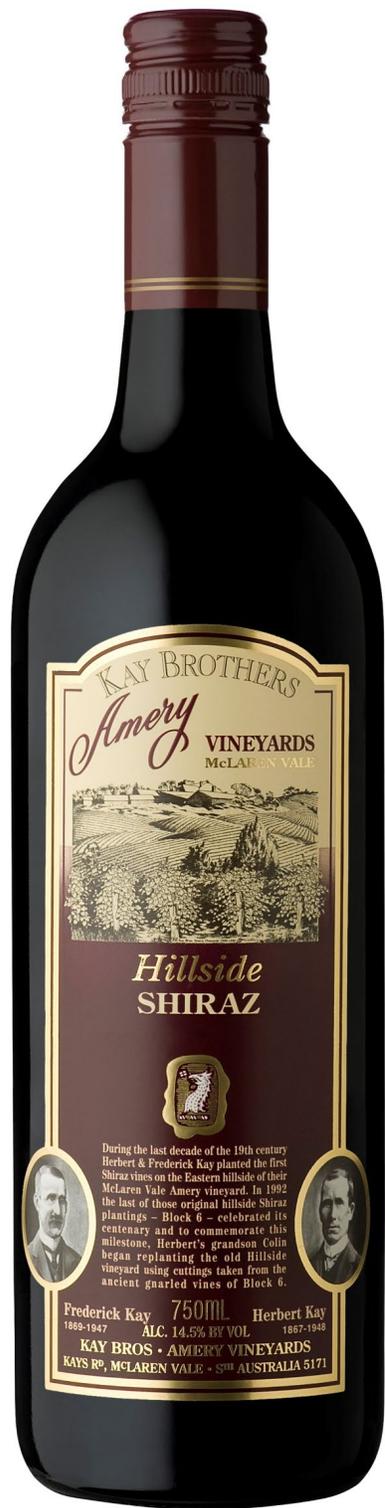




KAY BROTHERS

McLaren Vale



WINE DATA

Producer

Kay Brothers

Region

McLaren Vale

Country

Australia

Wine Composition

100% Shiraz

Alcohol

14.5%

Total Acidity

6.7 G/L

pH

3.5

2019

HILLSIDE SHIRAZ

DESCRIPTION

The 2019 vintage of Hillside Shiraz leads with a deep ruby color. The bouquet exhibits alluring aromas of dark purple fruits, black currant and dried herbs, followed by earthy notes. The palate is dense and concentrated, with rich dark fruits, umami, black olive tapenade and chocolate. Supported by gritty, textured tannins, the wine lingers on the finish.

WINEMAKING

Various parcels of grapes were used to assemble the best blend. Block 11 has shallow sandy loam soil over limestone and sandstone. These vines are exposed to the wind and sun. As a consequence, the vines mature earlier in most years and tend to be lower-yielding, with intense fruit concentration and powerful tannins. In New Block 6, dark chocolate loam and clay soil mix with quartz and ironstone over silty limestone. These components provide the finesse and elegance to the overall blend with savory flavors and tight structure. The growing season for vintage 2019 was consistently dry across autumn, winter, spring, and summer. Despite the warm start to summer in February, we experienced mild temperatures and cold nights which allowed the vines to come back into balance after the previous months of water and wind stress. The first week of March was warm but after this, the weather pattern returned to dry mild days and cold nights, perfect for flavor development and natural acid retention in the grape berries. Harvested on the 5th and 7th of March. The grapes were crushed, destemmed and plunged twice daily while spending 10 days on skins in our traditional open fermenters. The wine was then basket pressed and matured for 22 months in American and French oak. Bottling took place in May 2021.

SERVING HINTS

Decanting is recommended prior to serving. This wine is ideally served at room temperature and goes well with game dishes, and hearty lamb and beef.