

SPRING SEED WINE CO.

SPRING SEED WINES 'SCARLET RUNNER' 2011 McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ

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Spring Seed Wines are made from grapes lovingly grown in our family's organic vineyard, located in the premium wine region of McLaren Vale, South Australia. The vineyard was established in the early 1970's by Peter and Anthea Bosworth, and is now owned and run by their son Joch, who began the conversion to organic viticulture in 1995. Organic farming is based on minimising the use of external inputs, and as such our certified organic grapes are grown and processed without the use of synthetic chemicals, fertilisers, or GMOs.

The Spring Seed Wine labels are unashamedly inspired by vintage flower seed packets created at the turn of the last century. The colour, clarity and beauty of the original seed packets are quite remarkable. We chose three different flower images to adorn each one of our McLaren Vale wines, simply because they are quite lovely. The Scarlet Runner Shiraz displays the Hardy and Half hardy Climbers, Centaurea (*Centaurea nervosa*) and Zinnia (*Zinnia elegans*) labels.

Vintage 2011

We had good winter rains after a few seasons of below average rainfall. 2011 was a late season: budburst was approximately 2-3 weeks late, and harvest started similarly behind the norm (we usually start picking Chardonnay in early/ mid February). This year we picked whites in late February/ early March. Unseasonal rains in March threw a spanner in the works somewhat, but luck and good management helped us dodge most of the bullets. Whites are terrific, as is the Cabernet Sauvignon and our best parcels of Shiraz are incredibly bright, balanced and reminiscent of our 1999 reds, which have incredible longevity. Overall this was a very long vintage with moderate yields which tested Joch's nerves a little more than usual.

Winemaking

We employed a mixture of open and small tank fermentation to make our Scarlet Runner Shiraz. We use a combination of old and new oak barrels to mature the wine in, comprising a mix of both French and American oak. We use about 10% new oak. McLaren Vale makes such bright vibrant Shiraz, it seems churlish to smother it with oak. We really want this wine to be all about the fruit.

Tasting Note

The wine is blue black and is redolent of spice on the nose – black pepper and 5 spice. The palate is fresh and even, and there is great length and balance.

Technical Details

Picking Dates:	18th March, 22nd March & 1st April 2011
pH Level	3.65
Total Acidity:	6.22 g/L
Alc/ Vol:	14.5%
Bottling Date:	19th March 2012



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