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SPRING SEED WINE 'COCKS COMB' 2013 McLAREN VALE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Spring Seed Wine Co

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 or fertilisers.

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 Cockscomb Cabernet Sauvignon displays the Cockscomb (Celosia cockscomb), Ageratum (Ageratum houstonianum) and Balsam (Impatiens balsamina) labels.

Vintage 2013

We had good winter rains then warm summer conditions which brought about an early harvest. We had a few hot-cool-hot-cool periods which made it a little trickier to decide when to pick, but Joch reckons he got it right in the end.

Winemaking

We made the Spring Seed Cabernet in a very similar fashion to its big brother, the Battle of Bosworth Cabernet Sauvignon. That is, we fermented the grapes in open fermenters, and allowed the wine to finish ferment in a mixture of new and old French and American oak. The only real difference is the amount of new oak. The Spring Seed spent significantly less time in new oak than the Battle Cabernet. Otherwise, another cracking Cabernet out of the Bozzie stable.

Tasting Note

The colour of the Cockscomb is almost purple - it is after all a young wine. On the nose it shows bright blue fruits; violets and red currants. The palate is bright and fresh too, with red fruit and a very slight hint of varietal mint. The wine has fine tannin and a very pleasing length.

Technical Details

Vineyard: Denton's, Edgehill and the Hill Shiraz (both stony

loam soil types and Braden's (black cracking soils)

Picking Dates: 5th, 17th and 27th March 2013

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

29th July 2014 Bottling date:

~ made with organically grown grapes from our vineyard ~