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Aramis The Governor 2019 Shiraz McLaren Vale 14.8%

The 2019 vintage has delivered a supremely confident iteration of what these blocks can achieve.

Superbly integrated already, fruit and French oak combining for a distinctive aromatic expression.

The palate shows dark plum, berry and choc-mint notes, baked savoury elements as well, with well-balanced acidity and decisive tannins building power in the framework while oak layers marry supportively in respect to the high tide of fruit.

All the elements connect evenly and integrate for a long, long finish.

A complete wine. 95/100.

Wine Pilot

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THE GOVERNOR

Shiraz

Driven by Lee Flourentzou's "grand cru" ambition – the creation of a single vineyard wine truly encapsulating the essence of McLaren Vale terroir – The Governor Syrah made a stellar debut with the 2002 vintage, winning multiple gold medals and high praise from the doyen of American wine critics, Robert Parker.

All of the fruit for The Governor comes from a single block on the family-owned 64-acre Aramis vineyard, located in the southwestern corner of the McLaren Vale region and only two kilometres from the coast.

The Governor block is located at the top of the vineyard, where poor soil and a high clay content combine to limit water retention and allow moisture levels to be controlled through drip irrigation. These are the perfect conditions for the production of top-quality Syrah, creating small berries of incredibly intense flavour. The vines are managed following organic practices.

The wine is made using a very traditional and labour-intensive approach. Small batch fermentation takes place in open-top fermenters. The wine is matured for a period of 18 months in a selection of highest-grade French and American oak. It is neither fined nor filtered, so that integrity and depth of flavour is maintained.