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COLTON'S G.S.M. GRENACHE SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE *Vintage 2018*

COLOUR Medium to full red with attractive crimson.

BOUQUET Subtle use of oak allows the fruit to shine through to reveal attractive hints of boiled fruit cake with cinnamon and cloves. Put it in big glass and savour the fragrance.

PALATE A beautifully round palate with silky tannins and soft acidity, this wine has lovely persistence and length.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS This wine will accompany the best pasta, paella, or rich gamey meals – or just enjoy it on its own.

CELLARING POTENTIAL Beautiful and subtle when young – complex with cigar and cedar after a few years. 6-8 years

WINEMAKERS NOTES The style of wine for which we strive displays the elegance, length and fruit sweetness that we obtain from Grenache, while the Shiraz provides the fine tannin structure and Mourvèdre contributes to the texture. All components were pressed before reaching sugar dryness on skins to retain long but elegant tannins. Over the years, we have found that our Grenache style wines are more complemented through maturation in used rather than new oak. The components were matured separately and the blend received an egg white fining before filtering and bottling.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION All of the fruit for this wine comes from estate grown grapes from our 'Burtons' and 'Farm' blocks. The Colton homestead overlooks the gently sloping vineyard on which the varieties sourced for this wine are grown.

OAK TREATMENT 10 months.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS 2018 is shaping up to be an outstanding year in McLaren Vale. Above average rainfall in July and August set up the vines for a good growing season. October and November were relatively dry but relieved by good rains in December. Temperatures in most months from October to the end of harvest were slightly warmer than average with both maximum and minimum. Veraison was a little late, but proceeded rapidly after some hot January days. Ripening conditions during February and March were ideal with dry conditions and an absence of extreme temperatures provided rich fruit flavours and mature tannins.

TECHNICAL DATA

Region:	McLaren Vale	PH:	3.43
Variety:	Grenache (53%), Shiraz (30%) Mourvèdre (17%)	Acidity:	6.39 gms/litre
Alcohol:	14.5%	Residual Sugar:	1.35 gms/litre
Sugar at Picking:	13.4-14.1° Baumé	Malolactic:	100%
		Yeast Type:	Saccharomyces cerevisiae