

McLaren Vale is home to some of the most treasured Old Vine plantings in the world today, with the earliest known plantings dating back to 1860's. We affectionately refer to them as "The Old Faithful". They are a resource we treasure dearly.

The Old Faithful Wine Company is an artisan producer of small quantities of exceptional wines from older, exceptional single vineyards. We look for vineyards that are expressive of McLaren Vale, the vintage and the variety and only release our wines when the wines display these finest characters. With the Rhone as its inspiration - Shiraz, Grenache and sometimes Mourvedre grace our portfolio. Made to age gracefully, we believe in and recommend our wines and hope you can enjoy the magic of 'The Old Faithful'.

The 'Cafe Block' Shiraz is one of the regions more revered vineyards which was planted in the 1950's from proven Heritage clones. This wine comes from a sandy part of the block with an underlying clay produces a fragrant yet well-structured wines. A popular cafe used to be on the block's boundary giving this wine its name.

The block is harvested to optimise the vineyard soils and maximise the terroir of the site. Cold soak in an open fermenter followed by a warm to hot fermentation, both preserves aromatic qualities and also extracts significant tannin and flavour. Matured in a smaller proportion of new oak with most maturation occurring in seasoned French oak hogsheads



Café Block Shiraz, 2012

Vintage:	2012
Region:	McLaren Vale
Variety:	Shiraz grown in sand over clay soil.
Oak:	25% New French oak 75% seasoned French oak for 30 months
Closure:	We use DIAM 10 technical cork to provide taint free cellaring.
Bottled:	December, 2014
Analysis:	14.5% Alc/vol, pH 3.54 TA 6.6
Winemaking:	Nick Haselgrove & Warren Randall

Winemaker's Notes at February, 2015:

Colour:	Opaque purple with a dark purple hue.
Nose:	Dark fruits of ripe mulberry and blackberry with a light currant like underlay. Soft oak notes, milky mocha/coffee nuances add complexity and finish with a violet flower aromatic.
Palate:	Ripe, rich and round with bright fruits and a surprisingly elegant palate. Tannin builds late with crisp acidity and a lovely fruity finish.

2012 Vintage: Benchmark, one of the better conditions of vintage experienced for some time in McLaren Vale.