



KOOMILYA

McLaren Vale - Australia

Background

Koomilya is a Shiraz-focused wine project by Stephen Pannell based in McLaren Vale, Australia. The story begins when 15-year-old Steve discovered a blemished bell that belonged to the S.S. Koomilya while diving off Busselton Jetty in his childhood home of Margaret River. Fast forward many years to when Steve was making wine at Hardy's. Here, he fell in love with a vineyard on Amery Road and eventually convinced the owners to sell it to him. He named it Koomilya, because this Aboriginal term meaning "woman" symbolized his deep connection to the land and his commitment to crafting wines that reflect their origins. Eschewing new oak, these wines age in large foudres, echoing a traditional approach reminiscent of other classics like Wendouree. Koomilya benefits from a cool microclimate shaped by native bush and creek lines, yielding distinctive Shiraz with remarkable aging potential. "[The wines] illustrate what I'm hoping modern McLaren Vale shiraz will be," says Steve, "which harks back to a tradition of what McLaren Vale shiraz was, without all the artifice of winemaking."

Highlights

- 1** Koomilya is a Shiraz-focused wine label by Stephen Pannell based in McLaren Vale, Australia.
- 2** These are serious, old-school wines with incredible potential for development. They don't see any new oak - just used foudres.
- 3** Koomilya represents where Steve hopes McLaren Vale is headed: stripped-down wines made "without all the artifice of winemaking."

Wines

SRP \$100

Shiraz, Shiraz, and more Shiraz

These are all 30-50-year-old single-vineyard wines grown on ancient soils (dark grey, thinly laminated, slaty siltstone flecked with ironstone).

DC Block

Compared to the other two, this is the densest, chewiest, and most powerful wine.

JC Block

JC is elegant and fragrant, though it still has impressive depth.

GT Block

Spicy, floral, and fresh. Very aromatic and a little ferrous.



Ethos



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Packaging



Experimental

Traditional

Press

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...unabashedly Australian and grounded in the tradition of many of the great red wines produced in this country from special sites.

- Gary Walsh, The Wine Front