



Red Heads Studio 'Mohawk' Cabernet Sauvignon

McLaren Vale - Australia 2013

Back in 1987 we saw the start of something called "Flying Winemakers"...top young Aussie winemakers flying over to help with the European vintage. Shock! Horror! But...the new ideas, the energy, optimism and talent really benefitted Europe...and...Europe gave the Aussies a lot of ideas in return. Like Red Heads, for example.

See...the "flyers" got frustrated when they flew home to dull jobs in the mega wineries of the ho ho! "rationalized" Australian wine industry. They envied their French and Italian mates who made just the wines they wanted to make. With no money to set up their own wineries, they just made a few barrels in garages. Fantastic wines came out of tin sheds!

Make NO mistake about it - Mohawk Cabernet Sauvignon is a pedigreed, classic McLaren Vale estate red. This wine was originally called 'Tomahawk,' though one unnamed winery in Napa Valley had a vineyard designate called the 'Tomahawk Block' and a few cease and desist letters later, we have 'Mohawk.'

'Mohawk' (for once), doesn't refer to anything punk rock driven..that's reserved for the Adelaide Plains' 'Raw Power.' Instead this is a glimpse into the life of a desperate, broke group of young winemakers that would do ANYTHING, sans cash, to get a chance at these great vineyards in the Vale. They affectionately became known as 'savages' due to their treatment of the commercial wine industry and that conglomerates' treatment of some great vines.

Composition

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Soil Type

Predominantly Sandy Clay Loam

Average Vine Age

24 years old

Élevage

15 months in barrique (90% French [20% new] - 10% seasoned American)

Production

1,500 cases

Tasting Notes

“ Intense aromas of cassis, blackberry and pipe tobacco in a cedar box. Sappy, penetrating dark fruit flavors put on weight and gain sweetness with air. Closes with very good length and spiciness, plus a note of floral pastille. This is as rich and dare anyone say, ‘Napa-like’ of any Mohawk to date. ”

Reviews

None