



Luna Shiraz

Wits End Luna Shiraz is produced by Chalk Hill in McLaren Vale. In Canada, Chalk Hill is marketed under “Alpha Crucis” as they were unable to use their estate name on the labels because of existing copyrights. The name ‘Wits End’ comes from the vineyard where the fruit for this wine is harvested. The Wits End vineyards are planted with Chardonnay, and of course Shiraz on Urrbrae and Gilgia soils. Urrbrae (also a suburb in Australia) is a rich, red soil comprised of clays and loam. The south vineyard is planted on Urrbrae, while the north vineyard is black clay called Gilgia. It is this soil found on the north vineyard that gave the vineyard its name. In the winter, the wet clay sticks to everything causing an unmanageable mess and making work in the vineyard very difficult, sometimes impossible! The frustration dealing with the vineyard often results in the crew reaching their ‘wits end’. Drink within the next 2-3 years and chilled to 17 degrees Celsius.

Varietals: Shiraz

Region: McLaren Vale, Australia

Alcohol: 15%

Price: \$21

Eyes

The Gilga soils in Wits End produce thick skinned, dark grapes. This results in a deep eggplant-purple colour that sticks to the glass when swirled.

Nose

A mixture of red and black fruits with significant notes of plum and licorice. You can smell the chocolate and spices produced from 14 months in French oak.

Mouth

Shows great rich berries, mostly raspberry and blackberry. The warm climate produces a higher alc % and some residual sugar, but balanced with the acidity everything is in check! The wine is silky and glides across the tongue. A thick core of fruits sit heavy on the mid-palate. The finish lightens and fades to spices from the 14 months in oak.

Food Pairing

With high alcohol %, avoid spicy seasoning and light bodied dishes. The tannins call for grill marks! Try grilled pork chops served with a cranberry chutney.



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Eyes

Clarity: clear - cloudy - dull

Intensity: pale - medium - deep

Colour: purple - ruby - garnet - brick - brown

Nose

Intensity: light - medium - pronounced

Aroma: cherry - strawberry - raspberry - plum - blackberry
blueberry - blackcurrant - prune - jam - licorice - chocolate - flowers
vanilla - oak - smoke - pepper - coffee - leather - game - mint - green
pepper - earth - tar - stones - minerals

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Mouth

Sweetness: dry - off-dry - sweet

Acidity: low - medium - high

Tannin: low - medium - high

Body: light - medium - full

Flavour: cherry - strawberry - raspberry - plum - blackberry
blueberry - blackcurrant - prune - jam - licorice - chocolate
flowers - vanilla - oak - smoke - pepper - coffee - leather - game
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Finish: short - medium - long

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