

# REVIEWS & ACCOLADES

## 2018 Original Blend

Grenache Shiraz



JamesSuckling.com, Nick Stock - JUN 2019

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**91 POINTS**

"This is a very nicely arranged blend of 70% grenache and 30% shiraz with raspberries and a lithe, juicy feel to the palate that offers a very plush and detailed impression. Exactly what the region does very well. Drink now."

The Wine Front, Gary Walsh - JUN 2019

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**93 POINTS**

"70% Grenache here. Juicy cherry, dark raspberry, musk perfume and earth/dark chocolate bass. It's medium-bodied, with ample fruit tempered by some savoury flavours and spice, thick suede tannin, balanced acidity, and a very good finish. Really like this. Such a good thing to drink."

The Vinsomniac, Stuart Robinson - JUN 2019

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**90 POINTS**

"Ah the OG blend - Grenache (70%), Shiraz (30%); McLaren Vale (100%). For a Grenache dominant blend, its rather more subtle in comparison to what can be produced in the region. Yes, there's certainly a suggestion of the jubey raspberry for which the region/variety conjunction is known. However, here it sits somewhat further back in the profile. The palate shows its hand: fuller and plumper; rounder in the red fruit spectrum. There's a freshening acidic aspect to the wine, set against the fruit and with a fine-grained tannin."

The Real Review, Toni Paterson - MAY 2019

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**93 POINTS**

"High-toned cherry and strawberry aromas with top-notes of spice and a hint of Turkish Delight. The palate is lively and bright with excellent berry fruit and fine tannins. Youthful and delicious."

The Real Review, Huon Hooke - APR 2019

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"Deep red/purple colour with a spicy, complex bouquet, which shows some stylish work that takes it to a level beyond simple fruit. There is a suggestion of whole-bunch characteristics. It holds the attention. A very attractive wine and not at all simplistic. An exercise in how to make a one-year-old red wine delicious when very young."

The Australian, Nick Ryan - APR 2019

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"Just like those Catholics who clung to the Latin Mass in the wake of Vatican II, there are early Church Blockers who never stopped worshipping the blend that began it all. So, when the right fruit is available, the Wirra Wirra winemakers produce this blend of grenache and shiraz as an homage to the early days of the Church. This is wine as comfort food, nourishment for the soul. It ripples with ripe raspberries, some red licorice, pain d'épices, plums and quinces. It's slippery, juicy and bright, yet provides real textural satisfaction through the buffed grit of deftly deployed tannins. It's truly worthy of praise."

The Sunday Telegraph, John Fordham - APR 2019

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"This McLaren Vale grenache-shiraz blend was the genesis formula for the brand's original Church Block label, now Wirra Wirra's biggest-selling red. With Church Block now essentially a cabernet sauvignon-shiraz blend, Original Blend has maintained its traditional following. Strikingly-balanced wine with grenache the dominant partner."

