

# CORIOLE

The distinctive, iron- and lime-rich loam and clay of McLaren Vale and its felicitous microclimate at the edge of the Gulf of Saint Vincent brought fame to this region just south of Adelaide more than a century ago. Today's Coriole estate was just one of many farms practicing mixed agriculture and a little winemaking (something they labeled "V in Naturelle") until it was purchased by Mark Lloyd in 1967.

Mark gradually enhanced wine quality and developed a style from nature's superb raw material, including the fruit of some very old vines. He also brought back the farm's olive groves and embarked on the serious production of oil. Not content with the usual Australian grape mix, Lloyd introduced such exotica as Merlot, Sangiovese, Cabernet Franc, and Chenin Blanc in the late seventies and early eighties.

By 1988, Mark was poised to take two crucial steps: hire a full-time professional winemaking partner, Stephen Hall, and launch a super-premium old vines Shiraz, dubbed "Lloyd Reserve". Both moves brought Coriole critical acclaim. Brother Paul Lloyd joined Mark as business manager in 1993. Hall was succeeded by Grant Harrison – who juggles 113 different lots of wine a year and still has time for visits such as he recently paid to Ohio – and there is now also a full time viticulturalist on staff.

Well-integrated, flattering but subtle oak and a generous but substantial personality characterize Coriole reds. The Shiraz-based wines, justly famous throughout their home country, are chronically in short supply. At the same time, this team is bottling some of the liveliest and most interesting whites in South Australia, as witness their Chenin from six McLaren Vale parcels and their blend of McLaren Vale Semillon with Sauvignon from the Adelaide Hills.



"One of my favorite McLaren Vale wineries, these [latest Coriole] offerings possess elegance as well as considerable power and richness."

**Robert Parker,**

*The Wine Advocate* 8/03

"There is plenty of luscious, tooth-staining shiraz to be found throughout Australia, but the most dramatic expressions of the grape consistently hail from McLaren Vale. ... And the Coriole Lloyd shiraz, with its black, earthy, inky density, can be one of the region's best."

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Total acreage: 38 hectares

Total production: 35,000 cs.

Varieties: Shiraz; Cabernet Sauvignon; Sangiovese; Merlot; Cabernet Franc; Grenache; Semillon; Sauvignon Blanc; Chenin. The old vines of Shiraz and Grenache are now 80 years old; Semillon, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon 25+ years old. Chenin, Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Franc vines are now teenaged vines. All of the above are supplemented with purchased fruit.

## **Semillon-Sauvignon**

**[Dry] Chenin Blanc**

## **Sangiovese-Shiraz**

*Line-priced, Stelvin-finished values.*

## **Semillon - Sauvignon Blanc**

**"Redstone"**

**Shiraz – Cabernet [- Merlot]**

**"Lalla Rookh" Grenache-Shiraz Shiraz**

**Cabernet Sauvignon**

**"Mary Kathleen" (Cab.-Merlot)**

**Lloyd Reserve Shiraz**

**Note:** *The availability of Sangiovese, "Lalla Rookh", "Mary Kathleen" and Lloyd Reserve Shiraz is extremely limited!*