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THE VINEYARD

- Multi-award winning Aramis Vineyards are situated in the south-western fringes of the McLaren Vale region in South Australia. McLaren Vale was granted Geographical Indication status in 1997 and is now acknowledged internationally as one of Australia's premium red wine-producing regions.
- Aramis Vineyard follows an ancient watercourse, largely alluvial in origin, and only a few kilometres from the coast. Our vines are in easy reach of the maritime breezes supplementing the distinctive Mediterranean climate of McLaren Vale, where subtropical warm, dry summers alternate with cool, wet winters.
- Our 26 hectares of shiraz and cabernet-sauvignon are planted on their own rootstock in a shallow loam, rich in iron-oxide, over-lying a semi-permeable limestone ridge.
- Limestone is often extolled as the finest wine-producing medium in the world, providing efficient drainage yet retaining water for vines when needed. The dry profile around the roots allows the viticulturalist to achieve great balance in canopies and yield, the ideal conditions for the creation of top-flight wines. Management of the vines employs organic practices and irrigation is kept to a bare minimum.
- Aramis vines are exposed to the perfect mix of sunny mornings, fresh afternoon sea breezes and brisk evening gully winds from the Adelaide Hills. The vineyard is one of the coolest in the McLaren Vale region, enabling the fruit to ripen gently, retaining elegance and balance with a fine line of natural acidity and allowing the natural earthy characters endowed by the vineyard to shine through.



WINE PORTFOLIO

- In addition to its estate flagship wine, The Governor Syrah, Aramis Vineyards makes red and white wines across its The Estate Selection and Black Label ranges.
- The two red varieties in The Estate Selection range are a Cabernet Sauvignon and a Shiraz. Both wines exemplify the depth, complexity and intensity of fruit flavour seen throughout the entire range of Aramis red wines.
- The Black Label range constitutes four named wines, comprising two wines made from straight Shiraz, The Bastion and The Heir, along with The Revolution Cabernet Sauvignon, and La Liaison Grenache Mataro Shiraz. All four wines are representative of the Aramis philosophy of minimal intervention that enables the purity and typicity of McLaren Vale fruit to shine through.
- In the most recent McLaren Vale Wine Journal, Master of Wine Andrew Caillard described the current release of La Liaison GMS as a buoyant and expressive wine,
- “with ample raspberry pastille, inky mulberry fruits, sinuous grainy textures and persistent juicy acidity,” awarding it 94 points.
- Caillard called The Bastion a “well-concentrated and sweet-fruited wine with ample chocolate berry flavours, fine cedary tannins, integrated roasted walnut notes and fresh linear acidity,” and gave it 93 points.
- Awarding the 2013 release of The Heir 94 points, Caillard said the wine was “supple and round with abundant choc-berry fruits” and showed “attractive marzipan, roasted chestnut, panforte complexity. Lovely density, complexity and mineral length.”

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Tony Love, Wine Pilot

Lee Flourentzou, the visionary vigneron

- Lee Flourentzou started Aramis Vineyards in 1998 driven by his passion to create a collection of wines that reflected his own sense of personality and adventure. Lee took his inspiration for the vineyard name from one of the greatest stories of all time – Alexandre Dumas' The Three Musketeers, and one of its most enduring characters, the audacious and visionary Aramis.
- From that day forward the small team at Aramis Vineyards has dedicated itself to crafting wines that tell the story of our unique piece of the stunning McLaren Vale, producing the rich and intensely flavoured wines for which the region is renowned.



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Aramis The Governor
2019 Shiraz
McLaren Vale
14.8%

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Superbly integrated already, fruit and French oak combining for a distinctive aromatic expression.

The palate shows dark plum, berry and choc-mint notes, baked savoury elements as well, with well-balanced acidity and decisive tannins building power in the framework while oak layers marry supportively in respect to the high tide of fruit.

All the elements connect evenly and integrate for a long, long finish.

A complete wine. 95/100.

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THE GOVERNOR

Shiraz

Driven by Lee Flourentzou's "grand cru" ambition – the creation of a single vineyard wine truly encapsulating the essence of McLaren Vale terroir – The Governor Syrah made a stellar debut with the 2002 vintage, winning multiple gold medals and high praise from the doyen of American wine critics, Robert Parker.

All of the fruit for The Governor comes from a single block on the family-owned 64-acre Aramis vineyard, located in the south-western corner of the McLaren Vale region and only two kilometres from the coast.

The Governor block is located at the top of the vineyard, where poor soil and a high clay content combine to limit water retention and allow moisture levels to be controlled through drip irrigation. These are the perfect conditions for the production of top-quality Syrah, creating small berries of incredibly intense flavour. The vines are managed following organic practices.

The wine is made using a very traditional and labour-intensive approach. Small batch fermentation takes place in open-top fermenters. The wine is matured for a period of 18 months in a selection of highest-grade French and American oak. It is neither fined nor filtered, so that integrity and depth of flavour is maintained.



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Aramis The Governor Shiraz

An elite collection

By Tony Love

Lee Flourentzou remembers clearly the first two cases of wine he bought more than 20 years ago, and the impact they had on him.

Those wines were 1991 Penfaolds Bin 389 and Bin 407, and they totally seduced him. By the end of that decade he had bought a vineyard in the south-western corner of the McLaren Vale region, two kilometres from the Gulf St Vincent, where afternoon sea breezes combine with evening gully winds from the Adelaide Hills range.

It was here his dream to make wines of the same power and presence began, from Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon vines already planted in 1997, followed by further consecutive year plantings in the year he took on the property in 1998 and again in 1999. The first wine made from the Aramis Vineyard was from the revered 2002 vintage, The Governor Shiraz, which found its way to the finals judging in the Jimmy Watson Trophy.

Lee recalls his father saying then: “I think we have got something here!”

And clearly, they did.

After continual improvements in the vineyard, including organic practices, and bringing into the winemaking a luminary list of winemakers including Scott Rawlinson, Kym Milne, Michael Fragos and currently Renae Hirsch, a mighty collection of The Governors grew, strategically released in small quantities and highly rated whenever they appeared.

Now, in a 20-year celebration of that first Aramis Governor Shiraz appearing, Lee has picked out the stars of the collection to make a historic statement about the vineyard and the high-end pedigree of wine it delivers. The current release will be the 2016 vintage back to 2012s, with smaller amounts of earlier vintages available going all the way back to the heroic original. (The more recent 2019s and 2020s are biding their time in bottle before a best release date is determined.)

The wines all have a close connection to each other, both in their top block of the vineyard selection and their approach to a classic, high-powered Shiraz style that has been a benchmark in the ongoing story of fine Australian wine.

Subtle tweaks in Renae Hirsch’s winemaking has seen the more recent wines evolve with more finesse and elegance, though traditional small batch ferments in open top vessels and up to 24 months maturation in fine French, with a tiny percentage of American, oak ensure a definite provenance.

To be able to connect a wide range of vintages from such vineyard is a rare opportunity that Lee has dreamed of for years, he reveals.

“Outside of the love of wine, and the love of the vineyard, and the whole romance for wine that I have generally, I’ve always held The Governor very close to my heart,” Lee says.

“It was always a plan of mine to have those wines in the cellar over several vintages, and that they could take their place in the top echelon of Australian Shiraz.

“Now I’m confident that we are there.”

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Aramis The Governor Shiraz 2020

McLaren Vale **14.6%**

From Aramis vigneron Lee Flourentzou's south-facing vineyard in the south-west sector of McLaren Vale, this latest release Shiraz has a lot of resting ahead of it before it will emulate the supreme luxury and opulence of earlier vintages from the same blocks. Tasting evidence suggests these wines come of age at between five to 12 years, or if desired at the table tonight, start the slow breathing early in the day. It's a big fella, vinous volatiles rising unashamedly to begin, its immediate richness almost overpowering, French oak filling in the background. Masses of fruit – dark plum concentrate, almost prune-like add to the voluminous expression, underpinned by mid to prominent, light-bitter tannins, oak driven. Significant length. Hang on to your hats! 92/100 (with upticks over 5-10 years)

Aramis The Governor 2019 Shiraz

McLaren Vale **14.8%**

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Aramis The Governor Shiraz 2016

McLaren Vale **14.6%**

From Aramis vigneron Lee Flourentzou's south-facing vineyard in the south-west sector of McLaren Vale, the provenance of this wine is well established when you put it in context with earlier and following vintages. The nose here has a familial set of fruit/oak characters, though the latter element is perhaps more demonstrative than its siblings. This vintage brings a more individual personality however in the palate: salted licorice, savoury, almost ferrous, yet the rich, dark plum flavours have a touch of more adult sour pastille to them and take a little time to integrate with the mouth-coating tannins that eventually shape and hold the wine together for eons of tasting pleasure. 94/100

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Aramis The Governor Shiraz 2015

McLaren Vale **14.5%**

From Aramis vigneron Lee Flourentzou's south-facing vineyard in the south-west sector of McLaren Vale, it's taken seven years for this vintage to even begin to show the first real signs of development, adding yet another element of antique complexity to its well-founded aromatic beauty. Breathe it all in deeply – it's seductive, reminiscent of old Chesterfield suites. Sink into it, but you'll be surprised by the palate which appears more youthful than the nose, energetic and alive with trademark plum and sweet, dark licorice, before subtle gastronomic bitter notes trade with sticky, moreish tannins. A wine with fascinating conundrums, intriguing and intellectually stimulating. 95/100

Aramis The Governor Shiraz 2013

McLaren Vale **14%**

From Aramis vigneron Lee Flourentzou's south-facing vineyard in the south-west sector of McLaren Vale, the imprint of site and style fits very closely to its immediate past and following vintages, evidence of true provenance. Rich and opulent to begin: fresh pipe tobacco, classic Chesterfield leather lounge and dark toffee notes pre-empt intense dark plum compote-like Shiraz fruit, vibrant with retained acidity, the palate lively rather than weighed down by all that is going on. Barely fading with its years, even the cedar notes are fresh-shaved, while the final palate and finish are rounded and deftly captured by delicately sticky tannins. A revelation that even with the depth of such aromatic palate concentration, this wine can remain so agile and energised. 94/100

Aramis The Governor Shiraz 2012

McLaren Vale **14.5%**

From Aramis vigneron Lee Flourentzou's south-facing vineyard in the south-west sector of McLaren Vale, this vintage shows a degree of restrained elegance where other iterations are markedly more demonstrative and overtly extravagant. It's as if the vinous elements have all been compacted, the weave of fruit, oak, acidity and tannin virtually integrated to the point of invisibility. Add some black pepper aromatic/flavour in there for a burst of seasoning, with a subtle savoury bitter feel to the extra-long finish, this wine feels like a totally engaged, individual expression that has a long and fascinating future ahead. 96/100

Aramis The Governor Shiraz

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By Tony Love

Aramis The Governor Shiraz 2008

McLaren Vale 14.5%

From Aramis vigneron Lee Flourentzou's south-facing vineyard in the south-west sector of McLaren Vale, close your eyes and you'd swear you're engaged here with some of the finest and most famous of all Australian shiraz. Age is simply not an issue with a wine of such magnitude: rich, dark shiraz fruit with cedary oak support, dark toffee-like aromas in the background. Yet, to drink it's not as heavy as expected, surprisingly settling back towards a medium-full palate weight, the fruit joyous and energetic while the foundations and structure remain supportive without being overly solid. A well disciplined, mature and very attractive proposition. 96/100

Aramis The Governor Shiraz 2006

McLaren Vale 14.5%

From Aramis vigneron Lee Flourentzou's south-facing vineyard in the south-west sector of McLaren Vale, we can see here familiar ageing and developmental lines to other vintages from the same stable, particularly the 2013 and 2015. It's dark, brooding, dense and concentrated, yet not at all heavy, which seems like some kind of magic trick in the way this fruit and its oak home for up to 24 months perform together. Trademark Vales dark chocolate notes, with faint mint phrasings, are present here, but lusciously sweet, dark, blackberry flavours rule the roost, lingering, classy and confident in a serious style. A wine with delicious harmony. 96/100

Aramis The Governor Shiraz 2005

McLaren Vale 15%

From Aramis vigneron Lee Flourentzou's south-facing vineyard in the south-west sector of McLaren Vale, we begin to see the older creature comforts of mature shiraz in all their majesty – and why not celebrate its sunset years. Like its more youthful sibling vintages, familiar Vales blackberry and dark chocolate notes remain, even a little minty side-hustle, the fruit still showing its core ripeness while counterpointed by older, savoury, earthy elements. Quieter, not overly obvious, yet still complex and compelling. 95/100

Aramis The Governor Shiraz 2002

McLaren Vale 14%

From Aramis vigneron Lee Flourentzou's south-facing vineyard in the south-west sector of McLaren Vale, we see at two decades the effects of those years kicking in, the wine browning and fading. While its fruit vibrancy is declining, not unexpected in such a mature wine, remnants of its acidity remain, perhaps an indication of a cooler 2002 ripening season. Still, there is much to behold here for anyone tuned into the intrigues of aged wines. 92/100

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WELCOME TO 20 YEARS OF ARAMIS VINEYARDS' THE GOVERNOR SYRAH

Our desire was to embody the essence of McLaren Vale. The single vineyard fruit has demonstrated what it can achieve.

Every vintage of The Governor is a limited release. This selection showcases the best of the best. - Lee Flourentzou, Owner & Founder, Aramis Vineyard

2006

Red initial weight, with medium mid-palate density. Lovely red fruits still. Opens and keeps opening to dark red roses. Charmer.

2008

Herbal, almost celery-like note, but overall lovely freshness and zing, light on its feet and fully ripe. Classy. Nice length.

2013

Compact, fresh, fairly un-evolved wine of red fruit notes promising completeness, length and a finely grippy finish. Stylish. Gov Gold for sure.

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2015

Concentrated, rich, complex – built to age. Perfumed – ripe, berries, plums, liquorice, spice. Ripe generous flavours of blackberry, toasted spice and leather.

2016

Un-evolved, valuing style over syrup. Uptight now, needs time. Gorgeous potential, already 18 points, with a bullet.

O'ARISTOCRATIS
Sparkling Syrah



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Cuvee	Vintage	Bottle Size	RRP (HKD)	Pre Release Price (HKD)
O'Aristocratis – Sparkling Shiraz	2005	75cl	\$ 600.00	\$450.00
The Governor - Shiraz	2002	75cl	\$5,200.00	\$3,900.00
The Governor - Shiraz	2004	75cl	\$4,160.00	\$3,120.00
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The Governor - Shiraz	2006	75cl	\$4,800.00	\$3,600.00
The Governor - Shiraz	2008	75cl	\$4,150.00	\$3108.00
The Governor - Shiraz	2013	75cl	\$3,465.00	\$2,598.75
The Governor - Shiraz	2015	75cl	\$3,465.00	\$2,598.75
The Governor - Shiraz	2016	75cl	\$3,465.00	\$2,598.75
The Governor - Shiraz	2004	150cl	\$8,415.00	\$6,311.25
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The Governor - Shiraz	2019	300cl	\$11,900.00	\$8,925.00
The Governor - Shiraz	2004	600cl	\$47,520.00	\$35,640.00
The Governor - Shiraz	2006	600cl	\$47,520.00	\$35,640.00

All wine is stored at Crown Cellars Hong Kong