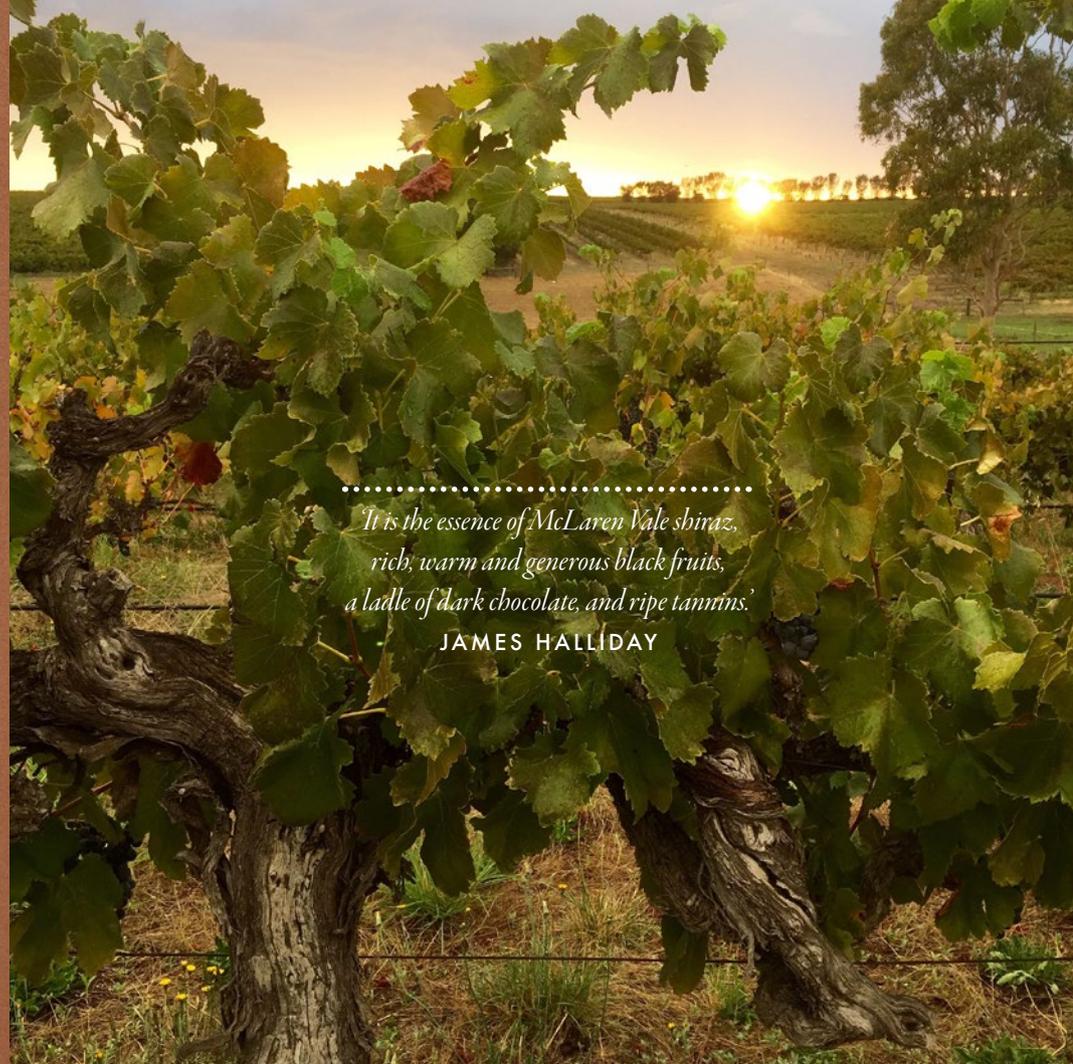






*Handed off Oliver*



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*It is the essence of McLaren Vale shiraz,  
rich, warm and generous black fruits,  
a ladle of dark chocolate, and ripe tannins.*

**JAMES HALLIDAY**

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*'Cooking chocolate, coffee beans and, dare I say, black olives simmer away in this complex, velvety soup.'*

PHILIP WHITE

.....  
*'A super-premium delight crafted from old vines fruit.'*

TONY LOVE

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*'This is a shiraz lover's dream: exotically perfumed, richly flavoured and already multi-dimensional.'*

TONY HARPER

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*'Because of its superb balance, it will evolve for at least a decade and provide pleasure through 2030. However, for those unable to delay gratification, it will make a great companion to a giant slab of prime rib.'*

ROBERT PARKER

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*'A magnificent specimen, to be treated seriously.'*

DAVID SLY

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*'It's a rich, hedonistic expression of shiraz.'*

CAMPBELL MATTINSON

*Sunrise over the Old Block  
on picking day, March 2018*

## VINIFICATION

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HANDPICKED, destemmed and berry sorted with a light crushing into a temperature controlled open fermenter. Cold soaked at 5-8C for 3 days. The must is allowed to warm up, and a ferment begins with indigenous yeasts. There are no sulfur, tannin or acid additions. Spends an average of 10 days on skins, with a pump over and plunge per day, progressing to just plunging the cap towards the end of fermentation.

At around 1 baume, the must is basket pressed, and run into 35% new and 65% 3rd use French hogsheads (300L). Indigenous malo-lactic fermentation takes place in barrel. Once malo is complete the wine is racked off gross lees, sulfur added and barrels topped for storage. The wine is racked a couple of times per year, spends approx. 24 months in barrel and is then blended and bottled without fining.

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*'Silky and bedonistic'*

NICK STOCK





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## THE 'OLD' BLOCK

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SHIRAZ VINES were originally planted on the Taranga property in the early 1840's, as part of a mixed farming enterprise by HJ's great grandfather, William Oliver. By the 1940's the now 100 year old unirrigated bush vines were becoming uneconomical for the farm. So in 1948 HJ took cuttings from the original vines, and replanted 2.55Ha of bush vine Shiraz, which became known as the 'Old' block amongst the family.

SOILS: 1-1.5m deep sandy loam over solid limestone  
CLONE: Unknown, colloquially 'Oliver's Old'  
TRELLIS: None, bush vines  
PRUNING: Spur pruned by hand  
IRRIGATION: Drip irrigation installed in 1988  
PICKING: Hand picked  
VINEYARD: 88 vines per row, 32 rows, 2.55Ha  
FARMING METHOD: Organically farmed  
(not certified), Sustainable Winegrowing Australia  
McLaren Vale member  
FRUIT SUPPLIED TO: Oliver's Taranga & Penfolds

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*A super-premium delight  
crafted from old vines fruit.*

TONY LOVE

## HJ SHIRAZ VINTAGE CHART VERSION 2018

VINTAGE	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	VINTAGE
DRINKING								NOT MADE									DRINKING
VINTAGE SCORE	8	7	10	7	9	9	8		9	8	10+	6	9+	8	9	9	VINTAGE SCORE
CLOSURE	CORK								STELVIN							CLOSURE	



### FULLY MATURE

At its peak and ready to drink  
in the next year



### SEMI MATURE

Drinking well now, but will  
continue to improve



### STILL YOUNG & FRESH

Will benefit from further time  
in the cellar if you can wait



*'Tuck some away.'*

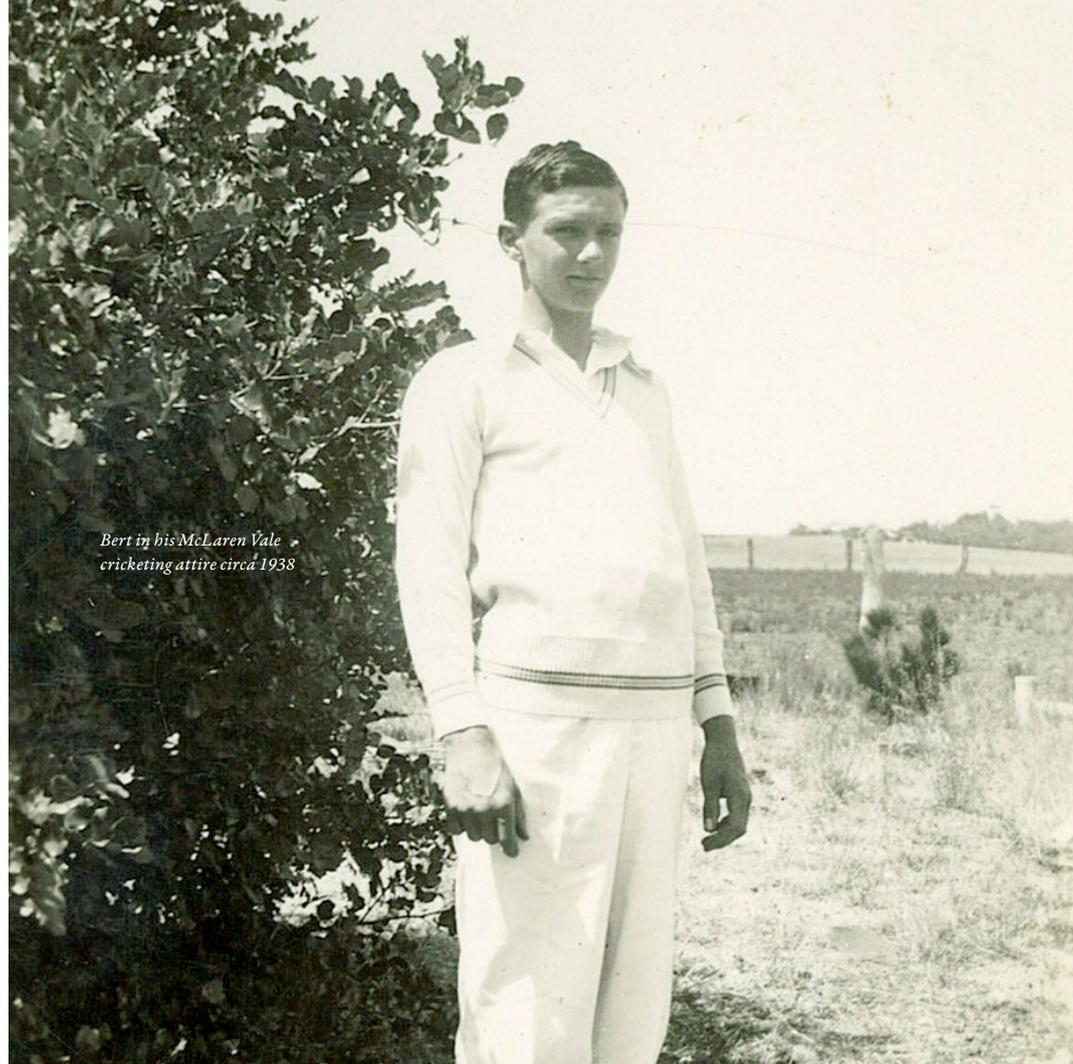
MIKE BENNIE

# HJ

BERT OLIVER 1922 – 2001

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HJ OLIVER was a lover and a fighter. He fought to win the affections of his sweetheart Marjorie, before serving in WWII. He then fought to realise his vision of seeing the 'Taranga' property produce only high quality grapes.

This commenced with the planting of the 'old block' Shiraz in 1948 - the same McLaren Vale vines that form the base of this reserve Shiraz today.



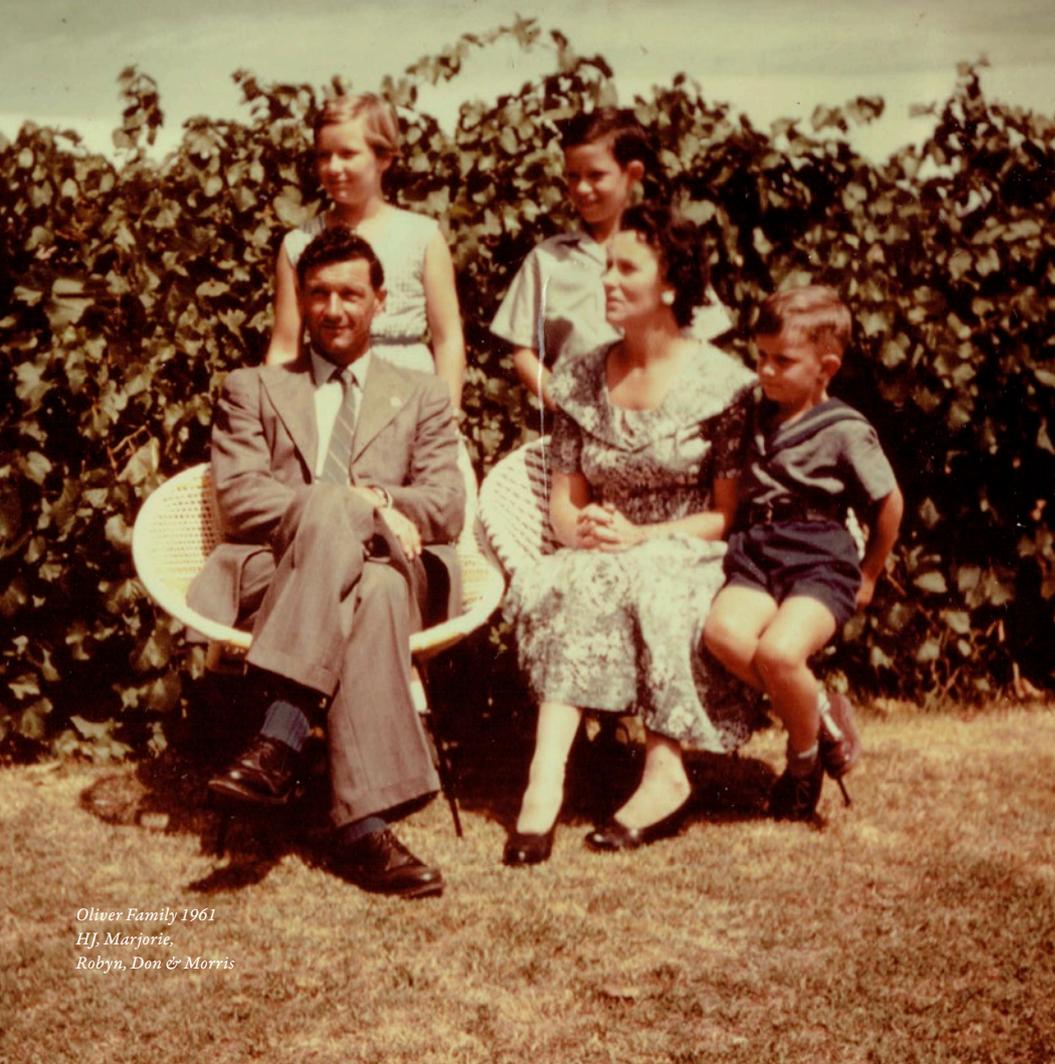
*Bert in his McLaren Vale  
cricketing attire circa 1938*

# Letters from Bert.

- 1 Airgraph from ITALY written on Nov. 19 & received 11<sup>th</sup> DEC. 1944
- 1 Airgraph Christmas Card from Italy & received DEC. 15 1944.
- 2 Air Letters from Italy written on Dec. 3 & 8<sup>th</sup> & received Dec. 28 1944.
- 1 Airgraph from Italy written on Nov. 28 & received DEC. 30
- 1 Air Letter from Italy written on DEC 17 & received DEC 30.
- 1 Xmas Card from ITALY received on JAN 4.
- 1 Airletter from Italy written on Dec 21<sup>st</sup> & received Jan. 17.
- 1 " " " " " " 26<sup>th</sup> " " 20
- 3 " " " " " " Jan 1, 6 & 10 " " 31<sup>st</sup>
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- 3 " " " " " " " 16, 21 & 24 " Feb 10



458 Squadron members  
including HJ Oliver,  
1943 Gibraltar



*Oliver Family 1961  
HJ, Marjorie,  
Robyn, Don & Morris*

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*'Exemplary in its length and balance,  
it will develop for ages, if given the chance.'*

JEREMY OLIVER



*Taranga Farmhouse 1975*

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*'Pretty bloody good, really.'*

GARY WALSH

