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Halliday Wine Companion - September 2024 - 95 Points
"Presented in a neat black box, the interior detailed like a Victorian Wunderkammer, this has all the trappings of a prestige bottling, right down to the pewter-like crest centred on the stout bottle. A blend of the two top barrels from the two top estate sites, Warboys and Angels Rise, this comprises some of the bass notes of the former and the relative levity of the latter. Fruits are red and black, cherry, blackberry and sour plum with licorice, earth, dark spices, dark chocolate and a little leathery savouriness. Tannins insistent though integrated and resolved."

Steve Q Wine Reviews - May 2024 - 96 Points
"The new flagship for Angove Family Wines, this Brightlands Shiraz is a blend of the best barrels of Shiraz from the Warboys and Angels Rise vineyards. A wine to stash away, it's a cuddle for the insides - just brilliant! Mulberries and blueberries consume the fruit profile with char and cured meat highlights flanking the edges. The dense berry fruit drives long with blackberries building some momentum. Earthy with a flicker of licorice, there is a little Cherry Ripe thing going on too. Ribbons of dark chocolate parade with absolute ease. Moroccan spices, earthy spices and woodsy spices all combine to deliver a moreish tingle that keeps you coming back time and again. Gloriously balanced, there is a delicacy and confidence about its stride. Decant well for now but your best bet is to hold - this will live long. Yep, just brilliant!"

Jeni Port - Wine Pilot - May 2024 - 96 Points
"A blend of the best single barrel of each of the 2020 vintage Angels Rise Vineyard Shiraz and Warboys Vineyard Shiraz. The two contrasting styles blend and marry well. Angels Rise elevated spiciness meets Warboys generous, sweet black fruits. An elegant style showcasing the region's Shiraz style and strengths in ripe blackberries, cassis, aniseed, spices, fennel, wild herbs and earth, and layering them seamlessly across a medium-bodied palate well measured in tannin and French oak. Finishes strong. Those looking for a good cellaring proposition can look here."

Ken Gargett - Wine Pilot - June 2024 - 95 Points
"An embossed bottle comes boxed and numbered – mine was 10 of 1,140. This prestige Shiraz from McLaren Vale is a blend of the best from two vineyards, the Warboys and the Angel's Rise. Both supplied just a single barrel (French oak). 30% of the wine saw stalks left in the ferment with 10% whole bunches.
There is a noticeable oak influence to the wine, in the process of integration which is proceeding well. Dark maroon in colour. Notes of florals, chocolate, red cherries, violets, raspberries and licorice. A lovely seductive texture, the wine is seamless with sleek, very fine tannins and excellent balance. Impressive length. A wine which should give pleasure for the next twenty years. "

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Aaron Brasher - The Real Review - September 2024 - 93 Points
"Dark, inky and opaque in appearance. Heady, dark fruited aromas of stewed plum, sweet spice, graphite, nutty oak, mulberry and smoked meats. Dense, brooding and mouth-filling. There's real power and plushness here. Dark fruits drive the palate, plum, blackberry and prune, along with creamy oak, bramble and a woodsy earthiness. The tannins are shapely and deliver firmness and the acidity has presence and poise. Big time, old-school gear."

Angus Hughson - Wine Pilot - June 2024
"The best of both worlds with a blend of fruit from elevated and lower vineyards this evocative 2020 Shiraz is broody and opens up with greater detail as it lingers in the glass starting with soy sauce, roasted meats and blackberry before layers of spice to offer an intriguing start. Bold and dense in style with chocolate flavours enhanced by savoury leathery tones against a backdrop of chunky tannins with a muscular finish. A crowd pleaser that will build nicely in the bottle."

Windsor Dobbin - Gourmetontheroad.com - August 2024
"For five generations now the Angove family has been making wines to suit all palates and all budgets. The Angoves are a family that go about their business with a minimum of fuss, but with plenty of attention to detail. Now the family has unveiled a new flagship wine: the 2000 Brightlands Shiraz. Big and dense at first, the wine opens up in the glass to reveal layers of muscularity with fruit intensity and structure. It finishes satisfyingly smooth and impressively balanced. "

Andrew Graham - ozwinereview.com - September 2024
"The fun foldout presentation box sets the tone. This inaugural Angove Brightlands Shiraz 2020 is the Angove family statement wine, a deadly serious expression of how far the brand has evolved. This Brightlands, all 1140 bottles, uses fruit from the Warboys & Angels Rise Vineyards (the best barrel from each) in different parts of McLaren Vale (. It also feels like a flagship red, a deep, molten, powerful expression of ambition and density. It also has a particular 2020 Vale vintage mark to it, from the slightly forward nose to the black desiccation of the tannins, and the acidity is lumpy. It's black, deep, warming, driven by the mid-palate intensity, and then getting heartier and throatier as it finishes."