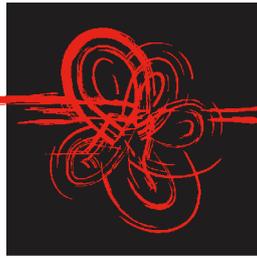


Red Knot

BY SHINGLEBACK



2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

McLAREN VALE

The region has a Mediterranean climate with wet winters, dry summers and plenty of sunshine. The proximity to St Vincent Gulf, coincidentally named after the patron saint of winemakers, benefits fruit quality with warmer spring and autumn conditions and cooler summers. McLaren Vale is renowned as a premium wine region of great beauty that consistently produces high quality, richly flavoured wines.

TASTING NOTE

Brilliant deep magenta. Fragrant primary aromas of blackcurrant are highlighted with nuances of dark chocolate, fennel and bay leaf. The ripe blackberry and blueberry flavours are framed by fine, cedary oak and linger on the long finish. The textured tannins and savoury elements combine with the dark berry fruit to complete this medium to full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon.

VINEYARD SOURCE

Davey Estate, McLaren Vale
Friends and Neighbours vineyards, McLaren Vale

VARIETY BLEND

98% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Shiraz

BOTTLING

Alc: 14.0%
pH: 3.74
TA: 6.5 g/L

VINTAGE NOTES

Healthy soaking winter rains continued through spring and into early summer setting up good canopies without the need of supplementary irrigation. Wet soils and a cool start to spring resulted in flowering being 3 weeks later than in the previous years. Good fruitfulness of the vines and higher bunch weights meant crop levels were generally above average. Careful canopy management and a timely stop to the rains in mid-January minimised disease pressure. The dry & generally mild February and March were followed by a warmer than average April, allowing a long, slow ripening period and an orderly progression to harvest.

Semillon, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir for Rosé, mostly harvested around the first week of March, all showed vibrant cool climate flavours and structural minerality. A burst of heat gave the reds a push allowing us to start filling the fermenters towards mid-March. The early red fruit was perfumed and spicy with excellent length. As vintage progressed fruit weight increased and flavours moved into darker berry profiles. Our palette of Shiraz wines are spicy and aromatic with good concentration and length. Cabernets are very varietal with blackcurrant and leafy notes. The Shingleback harvest finished with Mataro picked after Easter on the 18th of April, timed nicely before rains that fell shortly after.

ACCOLADES

Silver medal:

2018 Royal Queensland Wine Show, class 45

