



# SHINGLEBACK

## 2016 SHINGLEBACK EL CAPITÁN TEMPRANILLO

### McLAREN VALE

This region has a Mediterranean climate with wet winters, dry summers and plenty of sunshine. The proximity to the 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.

### THE DAVEY ESTATE VINEYARD

The Davey Estate Vineyard is located in Whites Valley, at the southern end of the acclaimed McLaren Vale wine region in South Australia. Kym and John Davey planted & nurture their family-owned and sustainably managed estate vineyard on land their grandfather purchased in the 1950's. Their goal is to produce high-quality, single vineyard wines. Modern viticultural practices that minimise work to the soil & encourage a balanced environment are used. Superior fruit is grown by managing canopies, hand-pruning, precise deficit irrigation & integrated pest management.

### TASTING NOTE

Bright cherry red in colour. Fragrant liqueur cherry aromas are supported by elements of roses, tobacco and earth. Rhubarb and red apple pie flavours flow through the palate of this medium bodied wine.

### VINTAGE NOTE

Winter in 2015 was relatively dry and although totals ended up near normal, there were few heavy soaking rains. Spring was exceptionally dry, resulting in low disease pressure but requiring early irrigation to ensure balanced canopies. October and December were hot and November warm and ideal for flowering and fruit set. Crop levels were the best for several years but generally just a return to more balanced and sustainable levels. An early bud burst and the dry warm conditions always meant vintage was going to be early. Even with bigger crops vintage started around the same time as 2015's record early start. We picked Semillon from the Davey Estate Vineyard on January 29 and had completed our McLaren Vale Chardonnay by February 8 and Pinot Noir and Shiraz for Rosé on February 10. Timely rain events in early February refreshed the vines, greatly reducing the stresses of the dry season, with no adverse disease effects except for in some tighter bunch Grenache blocks. February days were mild and the nights cool, slowing down sugar accumulation and extending the ripening period greatly, enhancing flavour, structure and colour development.

Reds started with Shiraz on February 11 and the last of the Davey Estate Shiraz was picked on March 11. The last of the Cabernet and the Mataro were picked on March 24. The early picked wines show bright and fragrant fruit at balanced alcohol levels. Intensity, weight and depth of colour just kept increasing as the harvest progressed, without any over ripe characters, resulting in simply spectacular wines across all varieties.

### VINEYARD SOURCE

100% McLaren Vale

### VARIETY

95% Tempranillo  
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

### BOTTLING

Alcohol: 13.1%  
TA: 5.9 g/L  
pH: 3.65

### ACCOLADES

#### GOLD MEDAL -

2017 China Wine & Spirits Best Value Awards

#### SILVER MEDAL -

2017 International Wine Challenge, UK  
2017 Shanghai International Wine Challenge

#### BRONZE MEDAL -

2017 Decanter World Wine Awards, UK  
2017 Sydney Royal Wine Show, class 25  
2017 National Wine Show of Australia, class 24  
2018 Perth Royal Wine Awards, class 36  
2018 Royal Adelaide Wine Show, class 44

90pts - 2018 James Halliday Wine Companion

