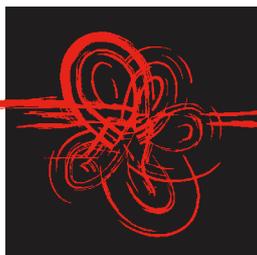


Red Knot

BY SHINGLEBACK



2018 ROSÉ

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

Pale pink in colour. The primary aromas of cherry and crushed cranberry are highlighted with floral notes of citrus blossom. The bright flavours of ripe summer berries fill the palate, defined by subtle earthy textural elements and a balanced natural acidity.

VINEYARD SOURCE

60% McLaren Vale
40% Adelaide Hills

VARIETY BLEND

78% Pinot Noir
16% Shiraz
6% Grenache

BOTTLING

Alc: 11.9%
pH: 3.28
TA: 5.7 g/L
RS: 4.8 g/L

VINTAGE NOTES

After a dry start to winter we had good rainfall, ending up 10% above the long term averages, flushing and filling soil profiles to saturation. Although a mid-September bud burst was later than recent vintages it was in line with long term averages. Spring rainfall was well below average, resulting in low disease pressure. Average day and night spring temperatures were close to record highs, resulting in steady vine shoot growth, catching up some ground after the later bud burst.

We had 10mm of rain on December 1st and another 15 mm on December 15th, freshening the vines during early berry development. With only 6 mm of rain in January and 5 mm in February summer rainfall ended up only two thirds of the average. Mean maximum and minimum summer temperatures were generally 1 to 2 degrees higher than average. The second half of January saw a record 13 consecutive days above 30°C. Drier and warmer than average conditions continued through March and April resulting in a disease free and orderly progression to vintage, allowing time for the potential of each batch of grapes to be maximised in the winery. Harvest started with Semillon on February 6th and our McLaren Vale white and rosé blocks were all off by February 19th.

The 2018 white and rosé wines are richly flavoured with good length. The reds are full bodied and deeply coloured, showing intense fruit flavour with big round chewy tannins. Simply an outstanding vintage with the promise to be rated as one of the great years for McLaren Vale.

ACCOLADES

Gold Medal -

2018 Perth Royal Wine Awards, class 19

Silver Medal -

2018 Royal Hobart Wine Show, class 18

Bronze Medal -

2018 Royal Melbourne Wine Awards, class 31



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