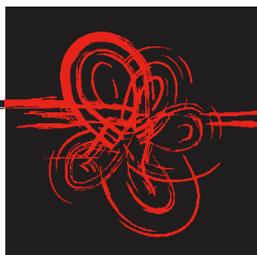


Red Knot

BY SHINGLEBACK



2014 GRENACHE SHIRAZ MOURVEDRE

VINTAGE NOTES

A record number of 40°C+ days along with high winds during the growing season challenged growers. Establishing good canopy early, along with critical timing of supplementary irrigation, was essential. This was managed to near perfection by Michael and the vineyard team.

Harvest started early on Feb 5 with the McLaren Vale whites being completed before the rain on the 13th of February. McLaren Vale again proved why it is the most reliable wine grape district in the world with less than 50mm of rain falling at the Davey Estate, compared to more than 125mm north of Adelaide. Luckily the rain caused no damage and helped extend the ripening period. With the rain someone flicked the switch and turned off summer. The temperate dry autumn weather that followed was ideal allowing us to harvest as the fruit hit perfection. In the winery the longer than usual 6 week harvest window for reds allowed Dan to maximise the opportunities for extended ferments.

Vintage 2014 has turned out well after an admittedly nervous start, giving us a very diverse and bright palette to paint the pictures that are our wines.

TASTING NOTE

Cherry red. Lifted aromas of freshly picked summer strawberries and red roses are given depth with nuances of chocolate earth. A bright salad of summer berries shines on the lively, medium weight palate. The luscious Grenache is complemented and structurally enhanced by the darker berry flavours and ripe tannins of the Shiraz and Mourvèdre, offering immediate appeal. Glorious in its youth, with age the wine will develop an attractive, savoury complexity.

VINEYARD SOURCE McLaren Vale

VARIETY BLEND 57% Grenache
30% Shiraz
13% Mourvèdre

BOTTLING Alc: 14.5%
pH: 3.59
TA: 6.0 g/L

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Serve lightly chilled in the heat of summer.

ACCOLADES

Silver Medal -
2014 Royal Hobart International Wine Show, class 20

Bronze Medal -
2014 McLaren Vale Wine Show, class 23

