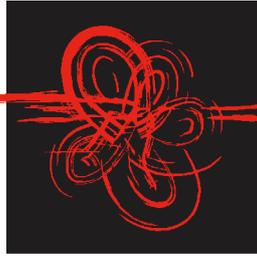


Red Knot

BY SHINGLEBACK



2014 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

Medium – deep red with purple hues. Blackberry, briar and dark chocolate aromas are enhanced by alluring violet notes. The core blackberry flavour is defined by a fine frame of cedar oak and a fresh, balanced, natural acidity. A medium bodied wine with a lingering finish, showing harmonious integration of its fruit, structural and subtle oak elements.

VINEYARD SOURCE

Davey Estate, McLaren Vale
Friends and Neighbours, McLaren Vale

VARIETY BLEND

92% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Shiraz
3% Cabernet Franc
2% Merlot

BOTTLING

Alc: 14.0%
pH: 3.57
TA: 6.7 g/L

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 vineyard 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.

ACCOLADES

Gold Medal -

2015 China Wine & Spirit Awards
2015 Melbourne International Wine Competition

Silver Medal -

2015 Decanter World Wine Awards, UK
2015 Royal Queensland Wine Show
2015 Spiegelau International Wine Competition, NZ
2015 International Wine Challenge, Vienna

90 pts - 2015 James Halliday Wine Companion

