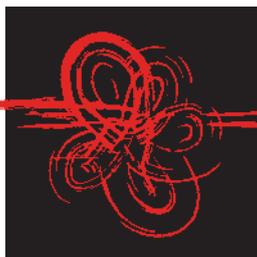


# red knot

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## 2013 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 a 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

Garnet coloured. The pretty primary aromas of blackcurrant and violet petals are highlighted with notes of mineral talc and cedar. The linear and structured palate is typical of Cabernet Sauvignon, with chewy tannin and chocolate elements supporting the long blackberry flavours. Fresh acidity complements the long, sweet fruit finish, resulting in a wine with immediate appeal and varietal presence.

**VINEYARD SOURCE** Davey Estate, McLaren Vale  
Friends and Neighbours, McLaren Vale

**VARIETY BLEND** 90% Cabernet Sauvignon  
7% Merlot  
3% Cabernet Franc

**BOTTLING** Alc: 14.1%  
pH: 3.58  
TA: 6.7 g/L

### VINTAGE NOTES

Good winter rains filled the soil profile, with run off overflowing the winter creeks and quickly filling the dam on the estate. An even bud burst and steady shoot growth developed balanced canopies with improved average crop levels through a very dry and disease free spring. A little supplementary drip irrigation was needed from around the New Year to help the vines through the hotter weather and ensure the berries achieved the varietal flavours, ripe tannins and balanced acidity that are the precursors of good wine.

Harvest started with Semillon on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February and the hot weather that followed ensured an early start to Shiraz a week later. Warm and dry conditions compressed the ideal harvest window and, due to the dedication of many, an orderly efficient intake occurred, meeting the challenge of capturing the essence of a great year in the vineyard.

### ACCOLADES

#### Gold Medal

2014 Sélections Mondiales des Vins, Québec, Canada

#### Silver Medal -

2014 Concours International des Cabernets, France

2014 Royal Queensland Wine Show, class 40

2014 Los Angeles International Wine Competition, USA



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