



McLAREN VALE 2018 SHIRAZ

McLaren Vale is deservedly famous for producing Shiraz with a rich, up front and boisterous palate of plum, spice and dark berries. The grape is thought to originate from France's Northern Cote Du Rhone region, where it is known as Syrah. Australia has had great success with Shiraz, particularly in the Barossa and McLaren Vale areas.

Block: Block 1-8

Soil Type: Sand clay loam over limestone

Clone: 1654

Vine spacing: 1.8 metres by 3 metres

Vine density: 749 vines per acre

Trellis system: 2 wire vertical

Distance from the coast: 3 kilometers

Vintage: The 2018 Vintage in the Vale was extended & dry with moderate temperatures during the critical February and March period. This meant great colour development, acidity levels and vibrant flavours...

The complete package for flavoursome wines with varietal characters shining

Harvest Date: 13 /3/2018

Sugar at Harvest: 14.5 Baume

Winemaking: The grapes were crushed and then fermented in 5 tonne open fermenters for a total of 8 days. The fermentation temperature was controlled between 23° and 27°C and the cap management was a combination of pump over and hand plunging. After gentle pressing the free run and the pressing fractions were blended together and then following 4 days of settling, the wine was racked to oak.

Barrel Ageing: 12 months

Oak breakdown: 85% French oak Hogsheads, 15% American Oak Hogsheads

26% new 34% second use oak and 40% third use oak

Bottling Date: May 2019 1300 dozen produced

Acidity: 6.72 g/l **pH:** 3.612

Alcohol: 14.5%

Residual Sugar: 1.9 g/l

Closure: Screw Cap

Consultant Winemaker : Michael Fragos

Tasting Note: A Shiraz with great quality. Typical concentrated black fruits, dark berry, plum and spice.

. Vibrant palate, big fruit with tannins to match. Rich, soft mouthfeel...delicious!

Enjoy with: Good company, roasted red meats, hearty casseroles and fine cheeses.

Ageing potential: This wine has the depth and structure to develop further complexity and intrigue over the next 6-10 years.