

# red knot

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## 2019 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

Deep red. Fragrant aromas of cassis, chocolate and violet lift from the glass. Blackberry and dark cherry flavours flow through the palate, and are defined by fine structural tannins and a balanced acidity.

### VINEYARD SOURCE

Davey Estate, McLaren Vale  
Friends and Neighbours vineyards, McLaren Vale

### VARIETY BLEND

91% Cabernet Sauvignon  
9% Shiraz

### BOTTLING

Alc: 14.2%  
pH: 3.65  
TA: 6.3 g/L

### VINTAGE NOTES

A dry winter required early strategic supplementary irrigation on the Davey Estate to assist with bud burst and early canopy growth. Flowering and berry set were good and crops appeared slightly above average. A hail event and strong winds on the 21st of November damaged newly formed bunches particularly on the western side of vines. Damaged bunches shriveled off and vines recovered but crop levels were reduced. Warm dry weather continued through the season resulting in low disease pressure.

Summer was generally hot with a record high of 46.6°C occurring. Vines weathered this surprisingly well with minimal damage to fruit. Although on average yields ended up down, quality was good with strong varietal flavours and structural elements. Gentle working of the skins in the winery tempered the naturally high fruit tannins of the vintage. Harvest commenced in the second week of February with Pinot Noir for Rosé and by the end of the month the Tempranillo and early Shiraz for red was fermenting. Picking finished on the 29th of March with a young Touriga Nacional block.

### ACCOLADES

#### Bronze Medal

2020 NZ International Wine Show, class 15a

2020 McLaren Vale Wine Show, class 15

