

SHINGLEBACK

MCLAREN VALE

2017 SHINGLEBACK DAVEY ESTATE SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ

THE DAVEY ESTATE VINEYARD

The Davey Estate Vineyard is located in Whites Valley, at the southern end of the acclaimed McLaren Vale wine region in South Australia. Kym and John Davey planted & nurture their family-owned and sustainably managed estate vineyard on land their grandfather purchased in the 1950's. Their goal is to produce high-quality, single vineyard wines. Modern viticultural practices that minimise work to the soil & encourage a balanced environment are used. Superior fruit is grown by managing canopies, hand-pruning, precise deficit irrigation & integrated pest management.

VINTAGE NOTE

Healthy soaking winter rains continued through spring and into early summer setting up good canopies without the need of supplementary irrigation. Wet soils and a cool start to spring resulted in flowering being 3 weeks later than in the previous years. Good fruitfulness of the vines and higher bunch weights meant crop levels were generally above average. Careful canopy management and a timely stop to the rains in mid-January minimised disease pressure. The dry & generally mild February and March were followed by a warmer than average April, allowing a long, slow ripening period and an orderly progression to harvest.

Semillon, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir for Rosé, mostly harvested around the first week of March, all showed vibrant cool climate flavours and structural minerality. A burst of heat gave the reds a push allowing us to start filling the fermenters towards mid-March. The early red fruit was perfumed and spicy with excellent length. As vintage progressed fruit weight increased and flavours moved into darker berry profiles. Our palette of Shiraz wines are spicy and aromatic with good concentration and length. Cabernets are very varietal with blackcurrant and leafy notes. The Shingleback harvest finished with Mataro picked after Easter on the 18th of April, timed nicely before rains that fell shortly after.

WINEMAKING

Only select parcels of Shiraz grown on both red & black soils over limestone on the Davey Estate vineyard are chosen for this wine. The wine is hand-crafted in small open & static fermenters to maximise the potential of each small parcel of fruit. Maturation for an average of 15 months in new – 5 year old fine-grained American and French oak hogsheads softens, enhances & integrates the fruit & structural components of the wine.

TASTING NOTE

Deep purple-red in colour. Fresh blackberry aromas are entwined with hints of espresso, roses, spice and dark chocolate. Full-bodied, with a luscious dark berry mid-palate; seamlessly structured with fine but firm tannins and a balanced acidity that ensures a long, lingering finish.

VINEYARD SOURCE

Davey Estate Vineyard, McLaren Vale

BOTTLING

Alcohol: 14.2%

TA: 6.5g/L

pH: 3.59

VARIETY

100% Shiraz

ACCOLADES

PLATINUM MEDAL -

2019 Decanter World Wine Awards, UK

GOLD MEDAL -

2018 McLaren Vale Wine Show, class 11

2018 NZ International Wine Show, class 18a

2019 China Wine & Spirit Awards, Hong Kong

SILVER MEDAL -

2019 Selections Mondiales des Vins, Canada

2019 Melbourne International Wine Competition

2019 Royal Hobart Wine Show, class 23

