

THE GATE

B Y S H I N G L E B A C K

2019 SHIRAZ McLAREN VALE

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

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.

WINEMAKING NOTE

Select parcels of fruit from Shiraz vines grown across the Davey Estate Vineyard are handcrafted to maximise the potential of each unique batch. Maturation for 15 months in 1 - 5 year old, fine-grained American (70%) and French (30%) oak hogsheads softens, enhances and integrates the fruit and structural components of the wine. Individual barrel selection is carried out to create the final blend.

TASTING NOTE FROM JOHN DAVEY, WINEMAKER

Vibrant, deep magenta. Fragrant blackberry, cherry and raspberry aromas are highlighted with hints of milk chocolate and vanilla. The luscious berry-filled palate is complemented with floral notes and focused by silky tannins and subtle cedar oak.

VARIETAL BLEND

100% Shiraz

BOTTLING

Alc: 14.4%

TA: 6.9 g/L

pH: 3.57

ACCOLADES

Gold Medal

2021 Melbourne Internationaal Wine Competition (95 pts)

2021 Royal Adelaide Wine Show, class 30 (96 pts)

2021 Selections Mondiales des Vins, Canada

Silver Medal

2020 Royal Adelaide Wine Show, class 29

2021 Perth Royal Wine Awards, Class 27

2021 Decanter World Wine Awards, UK

2021 McLaren Vale Wine Show, class 9

94 pts - Winestate Magazine, Shiraz Challenge, Sept/Oct 2021

