

BLEWITT SPRINGS

2015 Shiraz

McLAREN VALE

VINEYARD

This stunning vineyard in south western Blewitt Springs produces delightfully intense fruit every year.

Planted in the late 1940's the gnarled vines are gently coaxed into producing small crops of highly perfumed fruit. The soil is mainly light beach sand that was deposited on this westerly facing slope many years ago, when the sea retreated for the last time through Maslin's gap. This provides great drainage over a clay base allowing the deep rooted Shiraz vines to stay fresh and hydrated during the warm Mediterranean summers.

In the lead up to the 2015 harvest, a normal winter was followed by some hot December and January weather, with some timely and freshening rainfall arriving just prior to picking commencing. A very dry February and March allowed vintage to proceed without interruption, albeit early again, with most varieties ripening towards the end of February/early March.

Although a compressed vintage, ripening was predictable, allowing us to harvest fruit in optimal condition. The generally low crop levels combined with the warm ripening period allowed for ideal development of concentrated fruit and ripe tannins. All fruit was handpicked, with final yields around 1.5 - 2 tonnes per acre; these whole bunches being chilled before transport to the winery.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked bunches are sorted in our winery and after a gentle de-stemming, the whole berries were fermented in small fermenters, carefully hand-plunged and sometimes foot trodden to coax colour and flavour from the skins with natural ferment and minimal additions.

Once dry the wine was basket-pressed and racked to old French oak puncheons for 9 months before bottling. The resultant wine reflects our philosophy of letting the McLaren Vale soils and environment express themselves through the wine.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR	Deep dense purple.
AROMA	Classic notes of McLaren Vale: dark chocolate, cherry and liquorice.
FLAVOUR	The palate has luscious cherry flavours, delicate spice and delicious soft tannins.
CELLAR POTENTIAL	2025+

HAVE IT WITH ...

Rare steak, or Lamb, this is a rich wine which will complement red meat perfectly.

