

BLEWITT SPRINGS

2016 Shiraz

McLAREN VALE

VINEYARD

Early rains in spring preceded a very dry late spring and summer, causing The Vintage to be good but early and fast meaning diligent attention was needed to ensure we picked at the right moment. The dry conditions resulted moderate crops being set and minimal disease pressure. This year has been great for varietal Shiraz expression, and this single vineyard wine is no exception. A warm early January period ensured fantastic flavour development and a harvest of exceptional grapes in late February.

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 coaxied 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' like summers.

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	2026+

HAVE IT WITH ...

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

