

THE GATE

BY SHINGLEBACK

2015 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

Vintages over the last few years have tended to be early but 2015 sets a new record for McLaren Vale and South Australia. Good early rainfall from April to July in 2014 replenished the soil profile setting up a strong bud burst. From late July dry warm conditions prevailed and continued through the growing season. Average temperatures for August through November were significantly above average. Not surprisingly bud burst was early and vines grew quickly and strongly, setting up pristinely clean canopies. December and January were 0.8 and 1.7 degrees Celsius cooler than the long term mean, allowing a steady development of bunches and ideal conditions for veraison and the development of the precursors that are the colour, tannin and flavour that make great wine. The only significant rainfall in the growing season was 25 mm on the 13th of January and although this caused some initial apprehension it just freshened the vines and focused their energy on the bunches they were nursing. Less than 1 mm of rain fell thereafter through to March which, combined with warmer temperatures in February, resulted in an organised but rapid harvest. The Chardonnay harvest started on the 28th of January, a new record for the Davey Estate by at least a week. The first Shiraz pick was on the 12th of February and harvest was completed on the 12th of March with Mataro. Flavours and colours across the board were excellent.

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 16 months in 1 - 5 year old, fine grained American and French 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

Deep purple-red. Enticing primary aromas of ripe blackberries are shot through with threads of espresso, mint chocolate and allspice. This classic, full-bodied McLaren Vale Shiraz is a symphony of dark berry fruit with notes of fine-grained American and French oak and perfectly timed tannins. The complex, savoury harmonics of this wine will demand an encore, if not a standing ovation!

ACCOLADES

GOLD MEDAL

- 2017 Sélections Mondiales des Vins, Canada
- 2017 McLaren Vale Wine Show, class 12
- 2017 China Wine & Spirits Awards, Hong Kong
- 2017 International Wine Challenge, Vienna
- 2018 International Wine Challenge, UK

95 pts - 2018 James Halliday Australian Wine Companion

VINEYARD SOURCE

Davey Estate Vineyard, McLaren Vale

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100% Shiraz

BOTTLING

Alc: 14.3%

TA: 6.4 g/L

pH: 3.50

