

THE GATE

BY SHINGLEBACK

2014 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 record number of 40°C+ days along with high winds during the growing season challenged growers. Establishing good canopy early, along with critical timing of supplementary irrigation, was essential. This was managed to near perfection by Michael and the vineyard team. Harvest started early on Feb 5 with the McLaren Vale whites being completed before the rain on the 13th of February. McLaren Vale again proved why it is the most reliable wine grape district in the world with less than 50mm of rain falling at the Davey Estate, compared to more than 125mm north of Adelaide. Luckily the rain caused no damage and helped extend the ripening period. With the rain someone flicked the switch and turned off summer. The temperate dry autumn weather that followed was ideal allowing us to harvest as the fruit hit perfection. In the winery the longer than usual 6 week harvest window for reds allowed Dan to maximise the opportunities for extended ferments.

Vintage 2014 has turned out well after an admittedly nervous start, giving us a very diverse and bright palette to paint the pictures that are our wines.

WINEMAKING NOTE

Select parcels of fruit from Shiraz vines grown across the Davey Estate Vineyard are handcrafted in small, open fermenters 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, which is minimally filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTE FROM JOHN DAVEY, WINEMAKER

Deep purple-red in colour. Bright primary aromas of blackberry, mulberry and strawberry are highlighted with notes of milk chocolate, lemon thyme and roasted cashew. A rich compote of dark and red berry fruit flavours flow through the finely structured palate into the long and alluring finish.

ACCOLADES

GOLD MEDAL

2016 Selections Mondiales des Vins, Canada

2016 China Wine & Spirits Awards, Hong Kong

95 pts - 2017 James Halliday Australian Wine Companion

VINEYARD SOURCE

Davey Estate Vineyard, McLaren Vale

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100% Shiraz

BOTTLING

Alc: 14.3%

TA: 6.7 g/L

pH: 3.52

