

THE GATE

BY SHINGLEBACK

2017 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

Healthy soaking winter rains continued through spring and into early summer setting up good canopies without the need of supplementary irrigation. Wet soils and a cool start to spring resulted in flowering being 3 weeks later than in the previous years. Good fruitfulness of the vines and higher bunch weights meant crop levels were generally above average. Careful canopy management and a timely stop to the rains in mid-January minimised disease pressure. The dry & generally mild February and March were followed by a warmer than average April, allowing a long, slow ripening period and an orderly progression to harvest.

A burst of heat gave the reds a push allowing us to start filling the fermenters towards mid-March. The early red fruit was perfumed and spicy with excellent length. As vintage progressed fruit weight increased and flavours moved into darker berry profiles. Our palette of Shiraz wines are spicy and aromatic with good concentration and length.

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 (80%) and French (20%) 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 magenta. Aromas of freshly picked blackberries and mulberries are highlighted with subtle cedar oak and white pepper spice. The blackberry core of fruit on the palate is defined and focused by finely textured tannins and a balanced acidity. This elegant, medium – full bodied estate Shiraz is an outstanding, vibrant expression of variety and region.

ACCOLADES

BEST IN SHOW

2019 Decanter World Wine Awards, UK

TROPHY

Best 1 year old Shiraz, 2018 McLaren Vale Wine Show
Best Single Vineyard Shiraz, 2018 McLaren Vale Wine Show
Best Shiraz, 2018 McLaren Vale Wine Show

GOLD MEDAL

2018 Royal Adelaide Wine Show, class 31
2018 McLaren Vale Wine Show, class 11
2019 Sélections Mondiales des Vins, Canada
2019 Royal Hobart Wine Show, class 23
2019 China Wine & Spirits Awards, Hong Kong
2019 Perth Royal Wine Awards, class 21
2019 Royal Adelaide Wine Show, class 30
2019 New Zealand International Wine Show, class 18a
2019 Royal Melbourne Wine Awards, class 36

VINEYARD SOURCE

Davey Estate Vineyard, McLaren Vale

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100% Shiraz

BOTTLING

Alc: 14.2%

TA: 6.3 g/L

pH: 3.70

