



# SHINGLEBACK

## 2012 SHINGLEBACK 'DAVEY BROTHERS' SHIRAZ

### THE 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

With an early budburst and flowering, as well as low bunch numbers and small bunches, 2012 was always going to be an early vintage.

The summer was warm, with strong gully winds that tested some of the more exposed vineyards. In many cases crops were less than half the average but the intensity of colour, flavour and deliciously chewy tannins was amplified, heralding a great vintage.

We picked our first white, Semillon, on February 8th and were well into Shiraz by late February. Sugar levels climbed quickly and in a very timely fashion nature delivered 60mm of rain on the last day of the month. Luckily, canopies dried quickly and there was no splitting. This resulted in the slowing down of the vintage and allowed us to achieve an ideal balance in the vineyard and to lavish the attention the exceptional fruit deserved in the winery. We finished harvest on March 20th with the exception of the last of the Cabernet and some Shiraz left out for fortified production.

2012 was an exceptional vintage for The Davey Estate and across McLaren Vale.

### TASTING NOTE

Inky purple-red. Aromas of mulberries and blackberries, violets and white pepper, with just a hint of cedary oak and freshly turned earth. Flavours of dark cherries and chocolate are finely framed with silky tannins and fresh acidity. Fine grained American and French oak are the thread that runs through this full-bodied Shiraz, tying together the opulent mid-palate and long, lingering finish.

### VINEYARD SOURCE

Davey Estate Vineyard, McLaren Vale

### BOTTLING

Alcohol: 14.3%

TA: 7.1 g/L

pH: 3.5

### VARIETY

100% Shiraz

### ACCOLADES

#### DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL –

2014 China Wine & Spirit Best Value Awards, Hong Kong

#### GOLD MEDAL –

2014 New Zealand International Wine Show, class 18a  
2014 Decanter Asia Wine Awards

#### 5 STARS –

Equal Top in Category,  
Winestate Magazine, McLaren Vale Tasting, July/August 2014

#### SILVER MEDAL –

2014 Mundus Vini International Wine Awards, Germany  
2014 Syrah du Monde, France  
2014 Royal Queensland Wine Show, class 37  
2014 International Wine Challenge, Vienna  
2014 Berlin Wine Trophy, Germany

