



# SHINGLEBACK

## 2013 SHINGLEBACK 'DAVEY BROTHERS' SHIRAZ

### THE DAVEY ESTATE VINEYARD

The Davey Estate Vineyard is located in 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

Good winter rains filled the soil profile, with run off overflowing the winter creeks and quickly filling the dam on the estate. An even bud burst and steady shoot growth developed balanced canopies with improved average crop levels through a very dry and disease free spring. A little supplementary drip irrigation was needed from around the New Year to help the vines through the hotter weather and ensure the berries achieved the varietal flavours, ripe tannins and balanced acidity that are the precursors of good wine.

Harvest started with Semillon on the 11th of February and the hot weather that followed ensured an early start to Shiraz a week later. Warm and dry conditions compressed the ideal harvest window and, due to the dedication of many, an orderly efficient intake occurred, meeting the challenge of capturing the essence of a great year in the vineyard. The last of the reds, Cabernet Sauvignon, was picked on the 18th of March and with the early vintage both winery and vineyard teams had much of Easter off again!

The 2013 vintage was naturally disease free and has produced perfumed whites with attractive textures and deeply coloured, ripe and structured reds.

### TASTING NOTE

Brilliant deep red. Lush, velvety aromas of blackcurrant, satsuma plum and chocolate fill the glass. The full-bodied palate is a compote of black fruits garnished with dark roasted coffee beans. Chewy structural tannins and subtle toasty American and French oak add moreish savoury notes. A classic McLaren Vale Shiraz that expresses perfectly the terroir of the Davey Estate Vineyard.

### VINEYARD SOURCE

Davey Estate Vineyard, McLaren Vale

### BOTTLING

Alcohol: 14.4%

TA: 6.6 g/L

pH: 3.54

### VARIETY

100% Shiraz

### ACCOLADES

#### GOLD MEDAL –

2015 Mundus Vini International Wine Awards, Germany

2015 China Wine & Spirit Awards

#### SILVER MEDAL –

2015 New Zealand International Wine Show, class 18a

2015 Royal Adelaide Wine Show, class 30

2015 International Wine Challenge, Vienna

#### BRONZE MEDAL –

2015 Melbourne International Wine Competition

2015 Royal Queensland Wine Show, class 37

2015 International Wine Challenge, UK

2014 National Wine Show of Australia, class 38

#### 92 POINTS –

2016 James Halliday Wine Companion

