



# SHINGLEBACK

## 2013 SHINGLEBACK DAVEY ESTATE RESERVE 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

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

### WINEMAKING

Only select parcels of Shiraz grown on both red & black soils over limestone on the Davey Estate vineyard, are chosen for this reserve wine. The wine is hand-crafted in small open & static fermenters to maximise the potential of each small parcel of fruit. Maturation for an average of 15 months in 1 – 5 year old fine-grained American and French oak hogsheads softens, enhances & integrates the fruit & structural components of the wine.

### TASTING NOTE

Deep garnet. Brooding blackberry, dark cherry and plum aromas are shot through with espresso chocolate notes. A compote of dark berries is encased within the chewy, robust tannin structure. A full-bodied wine with a long, lingering finish and the presence of character to accompany hearty, richly flavoured dishes.

### VINEYARD SOURCE

Davey Estate Vineyard, McLaren Vale

### BOTTLING

Alcohol: 14.5%

TA: 6.7g/L

pH: 3.56

### VARIETY

100% Shiraz

### ACCOLADES

#### GOLD MEDAL –

2015 Syrah du Monde, France  
2015 Mundus Vini International Wine Awards, Germany  
2015 China Wine & Spirit Awards, HK  
2015 Spiegelau International Wine Competition, NZ  
2015 Berlin Wine Trophy, Germany  
2014 McLaren Vale Wine Show, class 9

#### SILVER MEDAL –

2015 International Wine & Spirit Competition, UK  
2015 Sélections Mondiales des Vins, Canada  
2015 Sydney Royal Wine Show, class 56  
2015 International Wine Challenge, Vienna  
2015 Decanter Asia Wine Awards, HK  
2015 NZ International Wine Show, class 18a  
2015 Perth Royal Wine Show, class 39

#### JAMES HALLIDAY –

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