



SHINGLEBACK

2012 SHINGLEBACK 'VINTAGE FORTIFIED' 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

In the outstanding 2012 vintage a couple of special rows of Davey Estate Shiraz were left to concentrate until late in the season. At the optimum designated moment of fermentation, grape spirit was added to lock in the sweetness and preserve the wine.

This fortified Shiraz will reward careful cellaring. The sweet dark compote of fruit flavours is enhanced with the spirit warmth, matching beautifully with coffee and chocolate or a selection of cheeses.

VINEYARD SOURCE

100% The Davey Estate, McLaren Vale

BOTTLING

Alcohol: 18%

TA: 6.3 g/L

pH: 3.59

VARIETY

100% Shiraz

ACCOLADES

GOLD MEDAL –

2013 McLaren Vale Wine Show, class 5

BRONZE MEDAL –

2013 National Wine Show of Australia, class 65

