



POOLES ROCK

Shiraz

Vintage Conditions

The 2016 vintage in McLaren Vale is characterised by a dry winter and mild summer conditions. A refreshing summer rain and cool finish to the season with fresh mornings and mild evenings was ideal for veraison and grape development. This meant that ripening happened gradually through that period which allowed tannin and flavour profiles to fully mature resulting in wines with high natural acidity, deep purple and red colours and full flavour.

Winemakers Notes

The fruit for this wine was handpicked in early March, off our best block of Shiraz on our Chairman's Vineyard, and transported at 2 degrees to the Hunter Valley. One third of the fruit was de-stemmed as whole berries to small open fermenters, one third 20% whole bunch and one third 50% whole bunch and cold soaked for 3 days. Fermentation lasted 6 days and was hand plunged twice daily, before it was pressed and put to old French oak foudrers (2,800L) for malolactic fermentation and maturation for a further 9 months. Post maturation, the wine was fined, filtered and bottled.

Tasting Notes

Colour

Deep red with hints of a purple hue.

Bouquet

Red cherries and mulberries with mocha and savoury spice.

Palate

Intense cherry and blackberry fruit core with complex savoury spice. A hint of integrated oak, with soft and silky tannins.

Accolades

93 points, James Halliday Wine Companion



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Cellaring

10+ years in optimal conditions

Tech Data

Alc. 14.5%
TA 6.6g/L
pH 3.53

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