



PONTING

2017 'The Pinnacle' McLaren Vale Shiraz

Region

McLaren Vale is one of the most geologically diverse regions in the world, with over 40 geologies present throughout the region. McLaren Vale enjoys a Mediterranean climate driven by dominant winter rainfall, low humidity, warm summers, and the moderating influence of the nearby Gulf St Vincent.

Vintage

2017 was a late and wet vintage in McLaren Vale. Following on from a wet winter, spring and summer were hot, with late budburst. The vines ripened throughout February and harvest began in March. The vines held large canopies with average yields. Above average rainfall in winter led to elegant, refined and delicate fruit.

Wine

Fermented in traditional open fermenters, and following pressing, finished their fermentation in oak; approximately 80% was French and the balance American, 35% of which was new oak. Vineyard parcels were kept separate during fermentation and maturation and were blended three months prior to bottling.

Distinctive McLaren Vale characteristics shine through The Pinnacle. Sweet, soft, warm tannins whilst on the palate is rich berry fruits, black pepper, nutmeg and cloves. A seriously powerful Shiraz paying homage not only to McLaren Vale, but to the pinnacle of the cricketing world, the Ashes.

Technical Details

Alc: 14.5%
pH: 3.46
TA: 6.23 g/L