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Pertaringa

## Undercover 2016 Shiraz McLaren Vale

**Story:** The Undercover Shiraz is named in recognition of McLaren Vale's history of supplying other regions with our finest red grapes. Known as the mid palate of Australia, McLaren Vale fruit is well regarded for its ability to improve the quality and richness of wines from other regions.

Vintage: The 2016 vintage was in general very mild with low rainfall. The lack of rain looked like it would result in a quick harvest, but a big downpour in early February made sure the vintage was more evenly spread out. The yields were up on the couple of previous years and the quality is looking great.

**Nose:** The nose offers rich aromas of darker fruits, dark earth, chocolate and hints of spearmint.

**Palate:** The palate shows a darker manifestation of McLaren Vale Shiraz with dark fruits, plums and mint.

**Pairing:** Try with venison loin dry rubbed with juniper berry and lavender served on braised cabbage with a blueberry and red wine glaze.

Cellaring: Drink now to 2024

Winemaker: Shane Harris

Alc: 14.5%	TA: 7.09g/L
рН: 3.38	RS: 3.3g/L

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