



# OLD GATE

2013  
SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ

*Our family range reflects the progression of the Patritti business since its establishment in 1926. The single vineyard wines showcase our founder's understanding of the importance of terroir through the selection and subsequent purchase of these vineyards. The other wines tell the story of our home, our journey, our legacy.*

*From the 1920s up until the late 1960s the entrance to Patritti was through a handmade iron gate, crafted by a good friend and gifted to the Patritti family. After purchasing land in McLaren Vale, Giovanni knew the newly planted vines needed protecting from feral animals. The gate was moved from its home in Dover Gardens to the Blewitt Springs property where it separated the young vineyard from the neighboring scrub. Although not swinging like it used to, the old gate still remains.*

## VINEYARD

The fruit for this wine is sourced from selected rows in the family's own Blewitt Springs vineyard in the McLaren Vale region. Planted in 1960, the vineyard's free draining sandy soil, mild to warm climate and high elevation create a site perfectly suited to growing premium low yielding Shiraz grapevines.

## VINTAGE

Solid winter rains provided good levels of subsoil moisture before a dry spring. Summer continued dry with mild daytime temperatures and cool evenings. A burst of heat in late January quickened fruit ripening and led to a short, compact vintage. Overall fruit quality was very high with small berries, great flavour and balanced acidity.

## VINIFICATION

Selected blocks from the Blewitt Springs vineyard were selected for their balanced freshness, intense flavour profile and tannin ripeness. The fruit was hand picked and transferred to the historic Patritti winery in Dover Gardens. Crushed into small static fermenters, the juice remained on skins for seven days to extract the right balance of colour, flavour and tannin. The ferment was then transferred into predominantly new American oak puncheons. After 18 months maturation the wine was bottled with minimal filtration.

## TASTING COMMENTS

Dense, ink purple with a crimson hue, the nose is highly expressive with loads of blackberry, dark plum and toasty vanillin oak. The palate is densely packed with black fruits, licorice, dark chocolate and oak. Perfectly balanced with mouth gripping tannins, this wine is full in the mouth and long on the finish.

## CELLARING

Drink now or cellar for 10+ years

## FOOD PAIRING

Rare roast beef with asparagus and horseradish cream

## WINEMAKERS

James Mungall & Ben Heide



REGION: McLaren Vale  
SUB-REGION: Blewitt Springs  
VARIETAL: Shiraz (100%)  
ALC/VOL: 14.5%