



# MERCHANT SERIES

## SHIRAZ MCLAREN VALE 2015

*Our Merchant Series showcase premium wine from South Australia's premier wine regions. The bold labels feature Patritti photographs and stories depicting the lighter moments in Patritti's history.*

*In the late 1940s, Giovanni Patritti shipped red wine around Australia, sating the thirst of Italian migrant communities. Barrels of Patritti red wine could be found as far away as Coober Pedy and the Queensland cane fields.*

### REGION

McLaren Vale enjoys a reputation for producing high quality Shiraz and Grenache along with some alternative varietals from Italy and Spain. Elevation peaks at 350 metres along the Sellicks foothills with these vineyards influenced by the cooler gully winds making them ideal for white wine and cooler climate varieties. Majority of vineyards are located on gently undulating land with strong coastal influences. The Mediterranean climate is characterised by moderate winters, warm summers and predictable winter rainfall.

### VINTAGE

A warm spring brought flowering and fruit set on early. The sunshine persisted through a mild summer with cool nights helping the fruit produce strong varietal flavours balanced by natural acidity. Ripening conditions were ideal before a cold snap in February brought things to a standstill. When the sun returned a few weeks later the vines picked up where they left off, delivering fruit with strong varietal characteristics and acid backbone.

### VINIFICATION

Fruit selected from the "Square Block" within Patritti's Blewitt Springs vineyard was fermented in static fermenters on skins for seven days, with a small percentage of whole bunches. Following settling and MLF in tank the wine was matured in 56% new, 44% used American oak puncheons for 18 months before blending and bottling.

### TASTING COMMENTS

Bright crimson-purple in colour, this is a classic McLaren Vale Shiraz. Vanilla oak with fresh red and black fruits on the nose. The oak is an integral part of this wine contrasting with the vibrant raspberry and blackcurrant flavours, also providing structure and depth to build a full and even palate.

### VARIETY/BLEND

Shiraz (100%)

### ALC/VOL

13.5%

*Label photograph: Giovanni (right) with close friend Jimmy Bissacca (left) and a wine merchant in Adelaide.*

