



# MERCHANT SERIES

## SHIRAZ MCLAREN VALE 2015

*REGION:* McLaren Vale, sub-region: Blewitt Springs

*VARIETIES:* Shiraz

*SKIN CONTACT:* 7 days

*OAK TREATMENT:* 56% new, 44% seasoned American oak puncheons

*BARREL MATURATION:* 18 months

*BOTTLE WEIGHT:* 1.37 kg

*CASE WEIGHT:* 8.45 kg

*BOTTLE BARCODE:* 93 147 3300 307 0

*WINEMAKERS:* James Mungall & Ben Heide

*ALC/VOL:* 13.5%

*pH:* 3.43

*TITRATABLE ACID:* 6.2 g/L

*RESIDUAL SUGAR:* 1.0 g/L

*CLOSURE TYPE:* Screwcap

*CASE CONFIGURATION:* Stand-up 6

*PALLET CONFIGURATION:* 32 cases /layer, 4 layers /pallet

*CASE BARCODE:* 93 147 3300 308 7

*CELLARING POTENTIAL:* 15 years

### 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 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 characters and acid backbone.

### VINIFICATION

Fruit selected from the "Square Block" within Patriitti'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.

