



JPB

LIMITED RELEASE SHIRAZ MCLAREN VALE 2016

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 sites.

We named this wine after our founder Giovanni (John) Patritti, one of the earliest Italians to settle in Australia in 1925. The label design is reminiscent of the earliest Patritti labels and features the original JPB logo. Trading as 'John Patritti Brighton' referring to the greater region of Adelaide where the winery is located, the demand for his wines steadily grew. Today, the original JPB branding iron is still used to stamp barrels and grandson, James Mungall makes the wines that are enjoyed around the world.

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

The season started mild with below average rainfall before well timed rain in January. Yields were above average across more varieties with reds from this vintage showing ideal fruit flavour, acid and tannin balance. 2016 is considered by many to be the best 'all-round' vintage for some time.

VINIFICATION

Harvested from the estate's Blewitt Springs vineyard at approximately 1.4t per acre, the fruit was crushed, destemmed and soaked for two days prior to fermentation to extract maximum colour without the production of alcohol. Fermented on skins for nine days before pressing, the wine was transferred to 100% new oak Puncheons (60% American, 40% French) to undergo malolactic fermentation. Following MLF the wine was aged in barrel for 17 months before bottling without fining or filtration.

TASTING COMMENTS

The colour is an impenetrable deep black just showing a slither of violet-purple on the outer hue. Aromatically the wine is dense and intense with plum, blue fruits, exotic spices, raspberries and slate, layered over coffee mocha oak and ever so subtle burnt toffee. The full-bodied palate is driven and powerful; the dark fruit flavours work seamlessly with the oak creating a symphony of flavour that just sits and lingers in the mouth, It's hedonistic and enjoyable now but will cellar for decades too.



SUB-REGION: Blewitt Springs

SKIN CONTACT: 9 days

OAK: 80% new, 60% American, 30% French puncheons

BARREL MATURATION: 16 months

WINEMAKERS: James Mungall & Ben Heide

ALC/VOL: 14.5%

Titrateable Acid: 6.3 g/L

pH: 3.55

Residual Sugar: 2.05 g/L

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