



# LOT THREE

## SINGLE VINEYARD 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.*

*In 1960 Giovanni Patritti needed to acquire more land to sustain the growth of the Dover Gardens winery and the natural choice was the nearby region of McLaren Vale. He purchased the property at Lot Three Elliot Road, Blewitt Springs and by 1969 twenty-five acres of Shiraz had been planted. With an average age of 50 years, the vines on this site give the Lot Three Shiraz and identity of its own.*

#### VINEYARD

Our vineyard at Lot Three Elliot Road, Blewitt Springs was planted to Shiraz through the 1960s on the ancient 56 million year old soil known as North Maslin Sand. An elevation of 156 metres, sandy free-draining soil and mild to warm climate create an ideal growing medium for our old vines.

#### VINTAGE

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

#### VINIFICATION

Selected blocks in the Lot Three vineyard were hand picked at optimum tannin and flavour ripeness. Crushed and destemmed with a small percentage of whole bunch, the fruit was warm soaked for one day. Fermented on skins for eight days, the free-run juice was then drained and allowed to settle overnight before being racked into barrel to finish primary fermentation and malolactic fermentation. Matured in a combination of new French oak demi muids and puncheons, and seasoned French puncheons for 16 months before bottling.

#### TASTING COMMENTS

Very deep brick red in colour with a ruby purple hue; the nose displays a dense selection of dark fruits, plum and raspberry. Toasty French oak contributes to the aromas but it's the depth of fruit that gives the most impact. In the mouth this wine offers plenty in the way of fruit and oak flavour but it's all about the structure and balance. Drink now or cellar for 15+ years.



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*SUB-REGION:* Blewitt Springs

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*SKIN CONTACT:* 8 days

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*OAK:* New and seasoned French oak demi muids and puncheons

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*BARREL MATURATION:* 16 months

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*WINEMAKERS:* James Mungall & Ben Heide

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*ALC/VOL:* 14%

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*Titrateable Acid:* 6.4 g/L

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*pH:* 3.38

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*Residual Sugar:* 0.8 g/L

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