



FOX CREEK

FROM THE SOILS OF MCLAREN VALE™



VINEYARD
SHORT ROW
Shiraz

VINTAGE
2017

APPEARANCE
Deep purple

BOUQUET
Fresh aromas of plums, black cherry, spit-roasted meats, supported by clove and dark chocolate intertwined with cinnamon, nutmeg and roasted chestnut.

PALATE
Rich and vibrant fruit driven front palate are jam-packed with plums, mulberries and black cherries. The mid palate is full of strawberries and cream with hints of dark chocolate. Fruit richness and luscious mid-palate is the hallmark of this wine style, with sympathetic and balanced oak completing the traditional Shiraz flavour and structural profile. The youthful grape tannins provide a firm tannin texture and length that will soften and integrate with age.

ALCOHOL
14.5%

AGEING POTENTIAL
Approachable from mid-2019 its peak drinking should be 2020 - 2032

WINEMAKING
This wine is selected from intense and powerful Shiraz parcels from our best McLaren Vale vineyard blocks, with the variation in sites contributing different layers of flavour and tannin textures that defines the wine style. Harvest took place when the individual vineyard

fruit flavours, grape tannins and acids all reached maturity.

2017 had a wet and cool growing season which led into a mild ripening and harvest period, with Shiraz harvest occurring a bit later than usual between 7th of March and the 10rd of April. These mild ripening conditions kept the lifted aromatics and gave the resulting wine a vibrant fleshy berry fruit flavour profile with crisp but soft tannins.

Fermentation on skins was for 8 - 11 days, with 90% of the wine completing fermentation in barrel for added texture and to advance the integration of oak and grape tannins. During maturation, the wine from each vineyard batch is targeted with appropriate oak styles to produce an array of base wines for us to use in blending. Our oak barrels are sourced from coopers in France, USA and Australia and are predominately seasoned for 3 years. Maturation was for 20 months in both new, one and two-year old oak barrels.

The components are selected for this wine based on their fruit intensity, richness, structure and the integration of oak.

WINEMAKERS
Scott Zrna + Ben Tanzer