

THE STUMP JUMP

Shiraz 2017

McLaren Vale, Shiraz (100%)



The Name

It is rumoured that the inventor of the Stump Jump plough, which enabled a ploughshare to jump over tree roots, had poor eyesight and required regular tests to ensure he could still operate machinery. The design of this label is inspired by an optometrist's eyechart and serves as a makeshift sobriety test. If you can hold the bottle at arm's length and still read the front label, you can enjoy another glass.

The Characteristics

A beautifully fragrant, restrained yet balanced expression of McLaren Vale Shiraz. The nose is bursting with raspberry, strawberry, mulberry and spice. The palate is juicy and silken. Pure fruit, fresh acid and super supple tannins all in harmony. This wine, from a lighter, spicier year, presents as immediately drinkable and should be enjoyed in the first 3 to 4 years of its life to take advantage of its youthful charm and fresh fruit character.

The Vintage

A healthy winter and plenty of spring rains set the vines up very well. Bud burst was on time, but very cool for the first part of spring. Shoots grew to 5 or 6 inches long and then stopped for a month. Flowering was quite late, by three weeks, which meant a late start to harvest, and long, slow ripening periods. The summer rains stopped in mid-January, so disease pressure was low. It was very dry from February to April, with only a few millimetres of rain. Days were mild with a lot of cool nights, the first few weeks of April was around two degrees hotter than usual, which help that last bits of fruit to ripen. Overall, a great vintage with minimal disease pressure and above average crop levels.

The Winemaking

The grapes used in this wine are mostly from very old bush vines, and underwent gentle crushing, traditional open tank fermentation, basket pressing and oak maturation prior to bottling.



Harvest dates		Alcohol	14.0%
Residual sugar	1.1 g/L	Titrateable acid	6.1
pH	3.49	Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn
Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton		