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THE STUMP JUMP

Shiraz McLaren Vale 2018



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 Vintage

Quite a wet winter with July, August and September being way above average in rainfall. October, November and December were a little below average and January, February and March were more or less bone dry. Temperatures were mild until late January, so vines seemed to be delayed and harvest appeared like it was again going to be late. However, a few hot days and nights brought the ripening forward with slight sacrifice of acidity. The above average temperatures of February and March and the dryness made everything ripen relatively quickly. Yields appeared on the lighter side, because the heat and dry conditions did reduce them significantly, however they were still quite respectable across all varieties.

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.

The Wine

This wine eases its way towards the darker edge of the spectrum. The nose is beautifully perfumed and has some generous red berries and dark plum, plus a swathe of rich earthy notes. Full bodied, the palate is surprisingly dense and more plum, met by vibrantly sweet cherries, jubes, and spice. The chalky tannins give depth. This is a wine to drink relatively early and enjoy.

Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton
Residual sugar	1.0 g/l	Titrateable acid	7.0
pH	3.42	Alcohol	14.5%

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