

# THE LAUGHING MAGPIE

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## Shiraz Viognier 2013

*McLaren Vale, Shiraz (94%) Viognier (6%)*

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### Gold

Korea Wine Challenge  
2017

### Gold

China Wine & Spirits Awards - Best Value  
2017

### Double Gold

China Wine & Spirits Awards - Best Value  
2018

### 5 Stars, Equal Top in Category + Eligible for Wine of the Year

Winestate Magazine New Release Wine  
Show  
2018

### 91 Points

Josh Reynolds

*Vinous*

Opaque ruby. Deep-pitched dark berry, candied flowers and white pepper scents pick up a smoky mineral overtone with aeration. Juicy, broad and concentrated, showing good clarity to the sappy blackberry, cherry and violet pastille flavors. Round and seamless in texture, displaying strong closing tenacity, harmonious tannins and resonating florality.

### 93 Points

Martin Field

*Noosa FM*

Attractive deep dark crimson in appearance. Ripe dark berries dominate the bouquet with a subtle hint of oak in the background. The palate is full and round with lovely fruit concentration over well-integrated tannins. Its finish is warm and long and moreish.

Dan Traucki

Alluring aromas of plums & cedar, with a hint of black olives, smooth, velvety, oodles of complex plum & spice flavours, quite tight on the finish. Ripper wine.

### 92 Points

Steve Leszczynski

*QWine*

A really tidy Laughing Magpie release. So much happiness to be had in this bottle - and 5 years of aging has already been done for you. A 94/6 blend, the Viognier component is best described as seen but not heard. The Shiraz does the leg work nicely. Dense fruit is generous yet soft aromas play out a neat yin and yang effect. A whiff of caramel adds another dimension. Dark berries, plums and chocolate - there's a firmness yet it softens at the same time. The soils play their part with a subtle mineral drive. Brick dust tannins slide through beautifully. Oh, I like thee. Drink now to a decade+

### 17/20 Points

Regan Drew

*Vino Notebook*

The 2013 has continued the run of picking up bling in Asian wine shows, this time the 2017 editions of the Korea Wine Challenge and the China Wine & Spirits Awards. 94% Shiraz, 6% Viognier. Mixture of old and new French and American oak.

Earthier than the 2013, with moist beetroot chocolate cake, grilled stone fruit before hitting the McLaren Vale button with sweet raspberry, cardamom and black pepper spice. The light and shade is rightly balanced: Silky up front (maybe the alcohol is a touch higher than stated) with plenty of grunt supplied by gravelly tannins. A very good wine.

*d'Arenberg*



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**Peter Chapman**

*Daily News*

Swallowed this one down with a nice Indian lamb korma and it was smackingly good. Slightly lighter red style that will rope in shiraz lovers.

