

THE LOVE GRASS

Shiraz 2014

McLaren Vale, Shiraz (100%)



The Name

Lovegrass is a weed that grows in the vineyards and its sticky flowers affectionately attach themselves to vineyard workers' socks. This Shiraz will linger with you in the same way that the flowers do!

The Vintage

The season began well with average winter rainfall, Summer conditions were significantly warmer than average with two heatwaves through January testing the limits of the vines. Following the heatwave was rain and cool weather, which helped slow down ripening, and allowed flavour development to catch up to sugar ripeness.

White wines from this vintage are fruity and very flavoursome, as are reds with ample tannin to match.

The Winemaking

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation, the wine is basket pressed and then aged in French oak for up to 18 months.

The Characteristics

The nose evokes all those childhood memories of picking wild blackberries, mulberries and raspberries, complete with woody spice and brambly notes. The palate shows further layers of complexity woven through the sweet berry fruits. Earthiness shines through, perhaps even a suggestion of rich beef reduction, leather and walnut. Chewy tannins complete this generous and complex wine. A pleasure to match with all kinds of rich, meaty dishes.



Alcohol	14.5%	Residual sugar	1.7 g/L
Titrateable acid	7.0	pH	3.5
Oak maturation	18 months	Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn
Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton		