

THE LOVE GRASS

Shiraz 2015

McLaren Vale, Shiraz (90%) Other Varieties (10%)



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

A wet winter ensured good sub soil moisture and set up the vines well with healthy canopies. Spring was very dry with above average temperatures, a heavy downpour in January was a welcome relief. Mild conditions during the ripening period produced wines that show an abundance of spicy fruits with great colour and richness. Vintage started on 30 January, the earliest start on record by one day.

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

Dark brooding fruits, dried herbs and spice contribute to the nose of this easy drinking red. The palate is round and delicious with abundant red currant, mulberry and plum. The tannin is firm but not over-bearing, resulting in a wine that is delicious and comforting.



Harvest dates	9 Feb - 14 Apr	Alcohol	14.6%
Residual sugar	1.0 g/L	Titrateable acid	7.0
pH	3.46	Oak maturation	18 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton