

THE LOVE GRASS

Shiraz 2016

McLaren Vale, Shiraz (85%) Other Varieties (15%)



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 Characteristics

Quite a lifted nose, with intense aromas of mulberry, plum and graphite. The palate is round and delicious with more mulberry and more plum. The wine finishes quite long, with moderate acidity and loads of fine, spicy tannin.

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.



Harvest dates	11 Feb - 05 Apr	Alcohol	14.5%
Residual sugar	1.6 g/L	Titratable acid	6.8
pH	3.49	Oak maturation	18 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton