

THE LOVE GRASS

Shiraz 2017

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 Vintage

A healthy winter and plenty of spring rains set the vines up very well. Budburst was on time, but very cool for the first part of spring. Shoots grew to 5 or 6 inches long and then stopped for a month. Flowering was quite late, by three weeks, which meant a late start to harvest, and long, slow ripening periods. The summer rains stopped in mid-January, so disease pressure was low. It was very dry from February to April, with only a few millimetres of rain. Days were mild with a lot of cool nights, the first few weeks of April was around two degrees hotter than usual, which help that last bits of fruit to ripen. Overall, a great vintage with minimal disease pressure and above average crop levels.

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

Super lifted spice, blackcurrant and blackberry. There's an underlying dark fruit pastille, with liquorice and beef stock flavours that contrast some slight herbal notes. A medium bodied shiraz with incredible concentration and length. This is a serious wine that is also quite accessible in its youth.



Harvest dates	6 Mar - 15 May	Alcohol	14.5%
Residual sugar	1.3 g/L	Titratable acid	6.7
pH	3.52	Oak maturation	18 Months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton