

MONDIALE



2018 SHIRAZ

McLAREN VALE

VINEYARD

This wine is crafted from premium vineyards across McLaren Vale. We aim to produce a great example of what the region stands for; great drinking, unique wines made from Shiraz.

Average Winter rainfall and a dry Spring checked initial vine growth and reduced disease pressure in the vineyard. Budburst and flowering occurred in line with the long term average in mid-September. Thankfully, stable dry conditions occurred at flowering resulting in excellent fruit set. The dry, stable conditions continued throughout Summer with rainfall being up to 80% lower than averages. January experienced 14 consecutive days over 30°C but thankfully nothing over 40°C. With access to both recycled and artesian water and were able to develop the vines carefully with controlled irrigation. February was generally cool and mild and grapes were harvested in pristine condition. Wines from this vintage are lively, aromatic and vibrant with delicious dark berry flavours and spice, finishing with resounding length and delicacy.

WINEMAKING

These grapes are brought into our Vintage House, the oldest part of our winery, and crushed into 70 year old concrete vats where the fermentation is initiated by the indigenous "wild" yeasts found on the grape skins. Careful extraction and short post fermentation maceration is followed by pressing. The resultant wine is transferred on to American oak where the malolactic fermentation is completed before racking and oak maturation for 12 months. A careful parcel selection and assemblage is followed by minimal filtration and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR	Deep purple hues.
AROMA	Morello cherries, bright raspberry and vanillin aromas come to the fore on the nose.
FLAVOUR	Plums and dark chocolate with spice underly the palate with carefully integrated oak.
CELLAR POTENTIAL	3-5 Years.
Vegan Friendly	

HAVE IT WITH ...

A hearty beef casserole.