

SHOTTESBROOKE *The Proprietor*



Vintage 2009

Variety 75% Merlot 20% Cabernet 5% Malbec

Region 100% McLaren Vale

Shottesbrooke is a small exclusive family owned vineyard and winery set in the eastern pocket of the beautiful and tranquil McLaren Vale, just 45 minutes from Adelaide. Magnificent views over the gum-studded vineyards, up to the rolling Willunga Hill, can be viewed from the award winning cellar door opened in April 1995.

Nick Holmes started his winemaking career in 1967 as a trainee cellar hand; even then, his ambition was to establish his own label, plant vineyards and build a winery. In 1983, Nick started planting his first vineyards and in 1994, built the winery. Today Shottesbrooke is proudly an estate grown, family owned, boutique winery. The first Shottesbrooke wine was a red blend from the 1984 vintage, which incidentally, won the Montgomery Trophy at the Royal Adelaide Show.

The Proprietor is part of our 'Reserve' range and is only released in years of exceptional quality.

Viticulture

Nick planted Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec, three of the 'noble' varieties, to be the foundation of the Shottesbrooke label and these three varieties complement each other superbly in the 2009 Proprietor. The cabernet portion of the wine was grown on 20 year old Reynell clone vines planted in the alluvial river flats, while the Merlot and Malbec components came from 15 year old vines planted on deep sandy loam.

Winemaking

The parcels were individually fermented and spent between 10 and 18 months in one, two and three year old French and American hogsheads. The final blend consists of 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet and 5% Malbec.

Tasting Notes

Colour Deep cherry red.

Nose Sweet berry fruit, a touch of mint from the Cabernet Sauvignon complexed by a hint of wood smoke from the oak.

Palate Intense flavours layered with ripe berry, mocha and toasty oak. Some mint and spice on the middle, rich and opulent with great length and warm mouth feel.

Food Match Ideal with game, casserole or roast meat.

Cellaring Drink now until 2020.

Bottling Date 18th January 2010

Technical Details

Specific Gravity	0.9948	Sulphur Dioxide FREE	35 mg/L
Alcohol	14.5v/v	Sulphur Dioxide TOTAL	86 mg/L
Volatile Acidity	0.80 g/L	Residual Sugar	3.0 g/L
Titrateable Acid	7.40 g/L	pH	3.41

Reviews and Accolades

94 points, James Halliday,

"Good colour; the bouquet has a distinctively aromatic array of red and black berry fruits that continue on the very elegant palate. An altogether classy wine."

4 stars, Winestate Magazine, July/August 2011

"Smells like stewed rhubarb with nice earthy/tarry touches. Very ripe and intense sweet fruit flavours with drying tannins in support."

90 points, Huon Hooke, Top 100 New Releases, Gourmet Traveller Wine

"This smells of ripe berries and herbs, with raspberry dominating and a touch of olive. It's elegant and tightly structured, with a suave profile. Tight and fine with a firm aftertaste."

