



SHOTTESBROOKE

Reserve Series 'Punch' Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

McLaren Vale

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BACKGROUND

First planted by founder, Nick Holmes, over 30 years ago, Shottesbrooke takes its name from an estate in Berkshire, England, where Nick's grandfather was vicar of the parish from 1905 to 1926. Today, Shottesbrooke is proudly an estate grown and managed boutique winery.

'Punch' is named after a hard working Clydesdale horse who worked the land now planted to our vineyards until the late 1940's. The 'Punch' Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon joins our 'Eliza' Shiraz and 'The Proprietor' as our benchmark wines, named in acknowledgement of the contribution of the early pioneers of viticulture in McLaren Vale.

Vineyards

McLaren Vale has a Mediterranean climate with a generous growing season allowing full flavour development in all grape varieties. The Reynell clone Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were planted in the late 1960's on soil of moderate fertility and, with minimal irrigation, consistently result in low yields of high quality, generally yielding 2 tonnes per acre. We select only the very best parcels of this to produce Punch.

Winemaking

The grapes were picked mid-March 2010 at 14.3 Baume and fermented in static fermenters. After sugar dryness was reached, the grapes were gently pressed to barrel to complete malolactic fermentation in a variety of new, and old French Oak hogsheads. The 'Punch' Cabernet Sauvignon is only released in years of exceptional quality.

Tasting Notes

Colour	Rich purple hues mellow into a deep red
Nose	The nose exhibits small berry fruit aromas of black cherries, blueberries and black currants, along with a hint of mint and pepper.
Palate	The first impression of the palate is of richness and depth. Further exploration shows layers of toasty oak and some dark chocolate flavours, along with pleasant mint and blackcurrant. The wine is mouth filling with great length.
Cellaring	Now, until 2026
Food Match	Premium sirloin steak with a red wine jus and steamed seasonal vegetables

Alcohol : 14.45%	pH : 3.41	Residual Sugar : 3.4 g/l
Titrateable Acidity : 6.8 g/l	Free SO2 : 33 mg/l	Specific Gravity : 0.9938
Volatile Acidity : 0.49 g/l	Total SO2 : 90 mg/l	Bottling Date : February 2012

Reviews, Awards & Accolades

"... fleshy and juicy. Medium-bodied, noticeably herbal but not in any way bitter. Boysenberried, cherried, blackberried. Not curranty. It would be fair to say it's defined by what it's not. Firm-ish tannin in soft fruity casing. This could develop well. It's an excellent example of McLaren Vale cabernet." - **92+ points**, Campbell Mattinson, August 2013

"In a region renowned for Shiraz and increasingly exploring Italian varieties Shottesbrooke strikes me as something of a Cabernet specialist. Density and depth. Blackberries, chocolate and roasted root vegetables with some mint jelly. Fresh dark cherries and blueberries impart vitality. It's not a heavy or thick wine despite the generosity of flavour – oak is underplayed. There's a sensitivity to the winemaking that befits the bright fruit. Excellent segue from acid to appropriately assertive tannin. You'd not pick it is anything other than Vale Cabernet but it's a good'un alright." - **93+ points**, Jeremy Pringle, Sept 2013

"Produced only in "years of exceptional quality", the Punch indeed is power-packed with great depth of flavor extending into a long, satisfying finish." - Ross Noble, June 2014



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