



SHOTTESBROOKE

# Reserve Series 'Punch' Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

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

October brought with it a wet start to the vintage 2014 growing season, however drier conditions followed in November, resulting in low disease pressure in the vineyards. Two major heatwaves in January saw vineyard resilience tested and caused some rattled nerves amongst winemakers, but thankfully this heat was followed by significant rain to temper any potential damage. The result was a slightly delayed start to vintage, but excellent colour in the fruit, and a fantastic balance between sugar ripeness and flavour.

The Reynell clone Cabernet Sauvignon grapes harvested for this wine were planted in the late 1960's on soil of moderate fertility and, with minimal irrigation, consistently result in low yields of high quality. We select only the very best individual parcels to produce 'Punch'.

## Winemaking

The grapes were picked mid-March 2012 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

<b>Colour</b>	Rich purple hues mellow into a deep red
<b>Nose</b>	The nose exhibits small berry fruit aromas of black cherries, blueberries and black currants, along with a hint of mint and pepper.
<b>Palate</b>	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.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Now, until 2039
<b>Food Match</b>	Premium sirloin steak with a red wine jus and steamed seasonal vegetables

<b>Alcohol</b> : 14.5%	<b>pH</b> : 3.45	<b>Residual Sugar</b> : 4.4 g/l
<b>Bottling Date</b> : February 2017		

## Reviews, Awards & Accolades



*93 points + special value*  
James Halliday Wine Companion 2019



**GOLD**  
Mundus Vini Summer Tasting 2018 (Germany)

*"Smooth, scented and beautifully mature Cabernet with trademark McLaren Vale body and richness."* - International Wine Competition Judges Comments, 2018

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