



SHOTTESBROOKE

# Single Vineyard Bush Vine Grenache 2015

McLaren Vale



## 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.*

*From the defined borders of our oldest and finest vineyard blocks, the Single Vineyard Series showcases the translation from terroir into wines of unique style and flavour, whilst remaining true to the hallmark Shottesbrooke style of elegance and finesse.*

## Vineyards

A wetter than usual winter in McLaren Vale was followed by far drier and warmer conditions than average, spanning from late August through to early January. Due to the unusually warm growing season, flowering began early and crops were light across the region. As a result of several small heat bursts and rain events, ripening occurred evenly across most varieties, and harvest also began early - one of the earliest on record. Overall, the quality achieved, especially with the reds, was excellent, with fruit showing great balance and depth of both colour and flavour.

Sourced from 80 year old+, dry grown bush vines from second generation growers Tony and Tammy Mammone, this wine shows all the hallmarks of McLaren Vale Grenache. The north facing vineyard is located on the Eastern side of the McLaren Flat township. Grown in sandy loam soils, the vineyard is completely self-regulating, resulting in small crops of exceptionally high quality wine.

## Winemaking

The fruit for this wine was harvested at optimum ripeness and handled with extreme care as it was brought into the winery for crushing. Parcels of juice were fermented separately before several being transferred into 2 year old, high quality French oak barrels for around 10 months of maturation. Here, it was continuously monitored and allowed to slowly and steadily develop in flavour prior to each parcel being blended, fined and bottled.

## Tasting Notes

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| <b>Colour</b>     | Deep garnet with a vibrant purple hue   |
| <b>Nose</b>       | Upfront aromas of fresh cherries and attractive vanilla notes   |
| <b>Palate</b>     | The generous, supple palate shows delightful flavours of dark plum, raspberries and a lovely earthy, and slightly savoury, spice. |
| <b>Cellaring</b>  | Until 2026  |
| <b>Food Match</b> | Rich, slow cooked beef and wild mushroom stew   |

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| <b>Alcohol</b> : 14.5%               | <b>pH</b> : 3.49                    | <b>Residual Sugar</b> : 3.2 g/l |
| <b>Titrateable Acidity</b> : 5.9 g/l | <b>Harvest Date</b> : 16 March 2015 | <b>Bottling Date</b> : May 2016 |

## Reviews, Awards & Accolades



Wine Spectator - 89 points  
James Halliday - 94 points + special value

Campbell Mattinson - 93 points  
QWine - 92 points

*"Sturdy and dense, with vanilla-scented berry and cherry flavors. Fresh tomato leaf notes and a spice accent complement the core, firming up on the finish. Drink now through 2023." - MW, 2017*

*"This is an excellent rendition of Grenache. Fruit and spice galore but neat and pretty at the same time. Anise, raspberry, dry spice and herbs. It's frisky, it's juicy and it's dry - simultaneously. It boasts an exceptionally fine tannic framework too. Nice work indeed. It's the first release under this label and it's a very good one." - Campbell Mattinson, October 2016*

*"Sweetly perfumed, with top-end aromas ranging from ripe cherry to musky spice and a back-note of gentle, warm earthiness. Excellent concentration of flavour typical of old, low yielding vines, the fruit rich and generous but maintaining a line and firmness of structure. Lovely wine." - James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, August 2017*

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