



SHOTTESBROOKE

# Estate Series Shiraz 2012

*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.*

*With premium fruit sourced from carefully selected sites around McLaren Vale and the Adelaide Hills, the Estate Series proudly displays the fusion of hands-on vineyard practices with the passion we have for making wines of character and depth, whilst remaining true to the hallmark Shottesbrooke style of elegance and finesse.*

## Vineyards

The 2012 vintage in the McLaren Vale region was characterised by low yielding crops of outstanding quality.

Ripening conditions throughout February & March saw cool nights combined with warm days and very little disease pressure - the ideal climate for optimum grape development. As a result, the fruit, and hence the wines, produced from this vintage are exceptionally full flavoured with excellent colour, and it is shaping up to possibly be one of the best vintages in recent history.

## Winemaking

Sourced from several separate vineyards, the fruit was destemmed, crushed, and then fermented in static fermenters with regular pump overs. Temperature was maintained between 20 and 22C for several days and then allowed to rise naturally to finish off ferment. Optimum colour and tannin was extracted from fermentation on skins, and a portion of the wine was transferred to aged French and American oak hogsheads. The remaining wine completed malolactic fermentation in tank before being transferred to barrel for maturation.

## Tasting Notes

<b>Colour</b>	Rich, deep red
<b>Nose</b>	Intense redcurrant, raspberry and black cherry characters dominate the bouquet, with hints of pepper and spice complement just a whisper of subtle oak.
<b>Palate</b>	Elegant, rich and full flavoured, the palate is layered with ripe fruit, dark chocolate and long, silky tannins. A delightfully opulent mouth feel with great length.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Now until 2020
<b>Food Match</b>	Slow cooked venison stew with herbed dumplings.

<b>Alcohol</b> : 14.5%	<b>pH</b> : 3.57	<b>Residual Sugar</b> : 4.2 g/l
<b>Titrateable Acidity</b> : 6.4 g/l	<b>Free SO2</b> : 39 mg/l	<b>Specific Gravity</b> : 0.99
<b>Volatile Acidity</b> : 0.51 g/l	<b>Total SO2</b> : 82 mg/l	<b>Bottling Date</b> : March 2014

## Reviews, Awards & Accolades

*"Wild boysenberry and blackberry aromas are supported by an edgy spiciness that makes for excellent sniffing. Big-hearted, chewy texture is buttressed by lively, tart, yet ripe flavors of cranberry, black currant, black cherry tastes."* - **92 points**, Ultimate Beverage Challenge, USA - June 2014

*"From estate vines planted 30+ years ago. Shrieks of its region, with chocolate augmenting by vanilla/mocha oak and soft tannins. Carnivore heaven at the right price."* - **90 points**, James Halliday, Wine Companion - June 2014

*"Gruntly fruit flavour is always the name of the game. Oak is the swing factor. This is dark-fruited, firm, sweet-edged and ripe. It straddles jammy, blackberried flavour and tar/asphalt notes, with some briny impact through the finish. There's a smidge of vanilla but essentially there isn't a lot of oak here; it's fresh and modern, but on the Big Red side of things. It will satisfy those looking for a hearty red."* - **90 points**, Campbell Mattinson, Wine Front - September 2014

*"A bright and generous red reflecting the ripe, plummy, savouriness of McLaren Vale shiraz; it comes with a substantial load of tannins. These add to the savouriness of the wine and also give a firm, satisfying grip to the finish. The wine shows particular depth of fruit flavour and elegance of structure in this outstanding vintage."* - Chris Shanahan - November 2014

*"More density here, though not over-ripe in any way. Opens with McLaren Vale choc-mint notes over ripe fruit, with spice highlights. The palate has ripe fruits, though there is remarkable restraint given its origins. Excellent length, with firm tannins and texturing oak to close."* - **17.8 points**, Barry Weinmann, Fine Wine Club - July 2014

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