



SHOTTESBROOKE

# Estate Series Merlot 2021

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

2021 was a subtle growing season with no substantial heat compared to the 2018, 2019 and 2020 vintages, offering a slow and prolonged engustment period. This advantage enabled the fruit to reach ideal flavour ripeness before sugar ripeness. The result is an increase in flavour compounds while the grape maintains its natural acidity as demonstrated by this fresh and structured wine. The fruit for this wine was picked at optimal ripeness from our Estate vineyards in McLaren Flat. The gentle nature of harvest plus close proximity to our winery allowing rapid transport to crush, ensured that its fruit expression, freshness and natural acid profile were completely preserved.

## Winemaking

Neutral yeast was used during the fermentation process to ensure flavour intensity was maximised. The wine was gently pumped over twice daily whilst in the static fermenters, before a portion was placed and stored in two, three and four year old oak hogsheads for almost a year, with the aim of adding an additional layer of interest and depth to the finished product.

## Tasting Notes

<b>Colour</b>	Deep, rich red
<b>Nose</b>	The fragrant bouquet of shows attractive, delicate red fruits and satsuma plum notes, with subtle oak adding interest.
<b>Palate</b>	Bright red fruits with underlying hints of luscious dark plum abound on the soft, juicy palate. A light touch of oak assists with creating complexity and the wine finishes long with fine, savoury tannins.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink now to 2027
<b>Food Match</b>	Classic Italian meatballs in a rich tomato sauce

<b>Alcohol</b> : 14.5%	<b>pH</b> : 3.47	<b>Residual Sugar</b> : 2.8 g/l
<b>Titrateable Acidity</b> : 6.06 g/l	<b>Harvest Date</b> : March 2021	<b>Bottling Date</b> : Jul 2023

