



SHOTTESBROOKE

# Estate Series Grenache Shiraz Mataro 2014 *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

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.

## Winemaking

This wine is a blend of three classic varieties; Grenache (56%), Shiraz (26%) and Mataro (18%). Each variety that went into this blend was fermented separately before being transferred into a combination of quality French and American oak barrels. Here, it was allowed to mature and develop in flavour prior to the final blend being assembled.

## Tasting Notes

<b>Colour</b>	Deep red with a ruby hue
<b>Nose</b>	Aromas of spicy red berry fruits and cherry combine beautifully with the subtle scent of roses to produce a complex and appealing bouquet.
<b>Palate</b>	The palate is ripe and juicy, showing lovely upfront characters of dark berries and aniseed, just a hint of savoury, earthy spice and delightfully soft, fine grained tannins.
<b>Cellaring</b>	2018
<b>Food Match</b>	Wild mushroom risotto

<b>Alcohol</b> : 14.5%	<b>pH</b> : 3.62	<b>Titrateable Acidity</b> : 5.7 g/l
<b>Harvest Date</b> : Grenache 2/4/14 Shiraz 3/3/14 Mataro 2/4/15	<b>Bottling Date</b> : September 2015	

## Reviews, Awards & Accolades



**TOP 100 / BLUE GOLD WINNER** - 2014 Shottesbrooke Estate Series McLaren Vale GSM  
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