



SHOTTESBROOKE

# Estate Series Grenache Shiraz Mataro 2018

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, the people, the place and the soul proudly come together and are displayed within each carefully crafted wine that sits within the Shottesbrooke range.

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 challenges of the 2018 vintage started early, with relentless warm weather throughout January exacerbated by very low rainfall. Sunburn from struggling canopies was a constant threat, so strategic irrigation was necessary to allow the foliage to remain healthy and lush. Ripening happened evenly across most varieties, and once optimal maturity was reached, harvest began, with fruit hitting the winery hard and fast.

Overall, despite the dramatic start to the season, the wines produced from the 2018 vintage were exemplary. With all the weather-related obstacles either avoided or overcome, the 2018 vintage will no doubt be remembered for its low yields of high quality, and is one which will produce a notable collection of intensely flavoured, elegant wines.

## Winemaking

This wine is a blend of three classic varieties; Grenache (56%), Shiraz (24%) and Mataro (20%). 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.

## Tasting Notes

Colour	Lovely deep red with garnet hues
Nose	Red berry and cherry aromas combine beautifully with subtle spice to produce an attractively layered bouquet.
Palate	The palate is rich and full flavoured, showing juicy upfront fruit characters of dark forest berries and cherry, just a hint of savoury, earthy spice, black pepper and delightfully soft, fine tannins.
Cellaring	2022
Food Match	Beef and mushroom tagliatelle

Alcohol : 14.5%	pH : 3.53	Titrateable Acidity : 5.69 g/l
Reducing Sugar : 2.6 g/l	Bottling Date : August 2019	

## Reviews, Awards & Accolades



James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion - 91 points + Special Value Rating

"Again, this address' prowess with grenache comes to the fore, this time as a southern French-inspired blend. Raspberry bonbon, bitter chocolate, black olive and some strewn thyme, rosemary and lavender. Plump, fresh and juicy. Far from prosaic, but excellent drinking for the money." - James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion

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