



SHOTTESBROOKE

# Estate Series Merlot 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.*

*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

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, in fact. Overall, the quality achieved, especially with the reds, was excellent, with fruit showing great balance and depth of both colour and flavour.

## 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 three to 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 2020
<b>Food Match</b>	Classic Italian meatballs in a rich tomato sauce

<b>Alcohol</b> : 14.5%	<b>pH</b> : 3.42	<b>Residual Sugar</b> : 3.8 g/l
<b>Titrateable Acidity</b> : 5.92 g/l	<b>Harvest Date</b> : March 2015	<b>Bottling Date</b> : February 2017

## Reviews, Awards & Accolades



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