



SHOTTESBROOKE

Estate Series Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

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

2016 saw one of the earliest harvests on record. Low levels of rainfall experienced throughout winter and spring resulted in additional irrigation being required in December, and in conjunction with warm days, this created ideal ripening conditions. Although January did eventually see some substantial rainfall, overall disease pressure was low and this allowed the fruit to develop evenly, leading to an excellent combination of high quality fruit and above average yields.

Winemaking

The Reynell clone Cabernet Sauvignon was picked at optimum ripeness, and, once in the winery, the DV10 yeast strain was specifically chosen during fermentation to naturally enhance the intensity of flavour. The resultant wine features appealing, dominant blueberry and blackberry characters. A portion was then stored in a variety of 1-3 year old French and American oak barrels prior to blending, bottling and release.

Tasting Notes

Colour	Dark with a vibrant ruby red hue
Nose	Hints of black cherries and plum are layered by a dense earthiness and firm cedary oak overtones.
Palate	The palate is full bodied and plush, with rich notes of concentrated dark cherries and blackberry. Firm tannins form a savoury finish, showing just a touch of black pepper and tobacco.
Cellaring	Now until 2022
Food Match	Braised beef short ribs

Alcohol : 14.5%	pH : 3.55	Residual Sugar : 4.6 g/l
Titrateable Acidity : 6.47 g/l	Bottling Date : December 2017	

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