



SHOTTESBROOKE

# Single Vineyard 'Tom's Block' Shiraz 2015

*Blewitt Springs, 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.*

*From the defined borders of our oldest and finest vineyard blocks, the Single Vineyard Series showcases the translation from terroir into wines of unique style and flavour, 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.

**Blewitt Springs** is a growing area located towards the north eastern boundaries of the McLaren Vale region. The furthest from the sea, it is also home to the highest vineyards in the district. The vineyard chosen for our single vineyard shiraz shows great character and individuality. Grown on a north facing slope overlooking Bakers Gully, the soil profile is deep sand over clay, interspersed with quartz and ironstone, and it consistently produces elegant, interesting and distinctive Shiraz each season.

## Winemaking

The fruit for this wine was harvested in late February during the cool of the morning and delivered to the winery for destemming and crushing. The must then spent just over a week on skins before being gently pressed to 3 year old French oak, where it completed malolactic fermentation. The wine was then racked and returned to the same barrels for around 16 months maturation.

## Tasting Notes

<b>Colour</b>	Deep red with a lustrous hue	
<b>Nose</b>	Intense aromas of ripe red fruit and fresh raspberry are in harmony with hints of dark cocoa and a delightfully delicate white pepper spice.	
<b>Palate</b>	The lively palate is attractive and attention-grabbing, with dark fruits and, as with the nose, an ever-so-subtle sweet chocolate nuance. The delicate, yet well-defined tannins lead into a beautifully long finish.	
<b>Cellaring</b>	Now until 2023	
<b>Food Match</b>	Rib eye steak with blue cheese sauce	
<b>Alcohol</b> : 14.5%	<b>pH</b> : 3.42	<b>Residual Sugar</b> : 4.0 g/l
<b>Titrateable Acidity</b> : 6.07 g/l	<b>Harvest Date</b> : February 2015	<b>Bottling Date</b> : November 2016

## Reviews, Awards & Accolades



**GOLD MEDAL**  
Royal Melbourne Wine Awards 2018



96 points - James Halliday Wine Companion  
92 points - Huon Hooke, Wine Writer

*"Superb crimson-purple hue, deep and brilliant. If I were to start again (I'm not) in McLaren Vale, there is only one place I'd choose to plant shiraz - Blewitt Springs. The wines have a unique structure, texture, flavour and style, elegant yet highly aromatic and effortlessly flavoured. Spice, black fruits, licorice and dark chocolate all play a role, finishing with savoury tannins on the long finish. 480 dozen made. Drink to 2030." - James Halliday, March 2018*

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