



SHOTTESBROOKE

# Single Vineyard 'Blewitt Springs' Shiraz 2013

*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

The 2013 growing season in McLaren Vale saw excellent winter rainfall, allowing optimum soil moisture levels to build up and, as a result, watering was not necessary until well into summer. January saw relatively mild weather until a burst of heat towards the end of the month, lasting into February, sped ripening up considerably and the fruit was picked and brought into the winery over a somewhat condensed timeframe.

**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 on the 13th of March 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 aged 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 crimson with a luminous red hue
<b>Nose</b>	Rich aromas of red fruits and raspberry conserve are complemented with hints of cocoa and white pepper spice.
<b>Palate</b>	The medium weighted palate is bright and appealing, with forest fruits, and sweet chocolate praline characters. The fine, juicy tannins define a long and captivating finish.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Now until 2028
<b>Food Match</b>	Pepper-crusted venison or Szechuan beef dishes

<b>Alcohol</b> : 14.5%	<b>pH</b> : 3.51	<b>Residual Sugar</b> : 3.0 g/l
<b>Titrateable Acidity</b> : 6.0 g/l	<b>Harvest Date</b> : 13th March 2013	<b>Bottling Date</b> : February 2015

## Reviews, Awards & Accolades



**GOLD** - 2013 Single Vineyard Series 'Blewitt Springs' Shiraz  
Mundus Vini Spring Tasting 2016 (Germany)



**SILVER** - 2015 Shottesbrooke Estate Series McLaren Vale GSM  
International Wine & Spirits Competition 2017



**SILVER** - 2013 Single Vineyard Series 'Blewitt Springs' Shiraz  
International Wine Competition Tranche 1 2018



**SILVER** - 2013 Single Vineyard Series 'Blewitt Springs' Shiraz  
Great Australian Wine Challenge 2016



**SILVER** - 2013 Single Vineyard Series 'Blewitt Springs' Shiraz  
Australian Single Vineyard Wine Show 2016

*"A richly coloured and flavoured tapestry in the cooler mode of Blewitt Springs; black fruits, spice and a wisp of bitter chocolate (80% cacao) are underpinned by firm tannins. A full-bodied class act with a long future." 95 points, James Halliday, August 2016*

*"I'm really liking what is happening across the range at Shottesbrooke at the moment. There's a consistency and quality across the board. This Shiraz is the flagship and it smashes it. I was just drawn into the elegance it delivers. Black fruits, plummy, some meatiness, a bit of chocolate, this calls for a succulent rib eye steak. It's more juice than brut strength. There's a drying thing about this wine which just makes it moreish. And I go back again. It drank better a day on so pop it away for a little while. It softens beautifully sitting on the mid palate. A hint of ratatouille of all things steps up. The fruit is soft and then a spice tickle taps around at will finishing with dusty tannins. And I go back again. Will sit for ten. Excellent." - QWine, May 2015*

*"Beautiful sweet perfumed fruit on the nose. Pretty floral notes with a hint of vanillin oak adding depth. The floral fruit continues on the palate, with fine tannins and oak, along with well judged acidity adding drive and focus to the finish. Classic medium bodied McLaren Vale Shiraz, in an elegant form. Will age well." 18+ points - Barry Weinman, August 2015*

*"It boasts both intensity and freshness. It's not the most common combination. It tastes of rich blackberry and dark chocolate with salted caramel notes tucked into the density of it. Flashes of dry liquorice too. Excellent McLaren vale shiraz." - Campbell Mattinson, May 2015*

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