

Around a century ago, "Windjammers" were the rhinos of the sailing fleets. With hulls of steel, multiple masts and big square sails, they had presence standing still, but when needed, they could charge through the roughest weather at up to 16 knots on average. We reckon this Shiraz is a lot like the Windjammer, big and bold for the moment but with the voyage of a few more years, it will be the stuff of legend.

## VINTAGE 2019

The McLaren Vale wine region relied on its advantage, natural and constructed, to have a successful vintage for 2019. Specifically, proximity to the moderating temperature influence of the Gulf St Vincent, reliable spring rainfall, and access to multiple irrigation sources helped vineyards cope with a challenging dry and hot season.

The dry conditions posed significant challenges for local grape growers, a lack of summer rain meant that irrigation was important to make up for the shortfall. Disease pressure, humidity and temperature was very low for this vintage.

At harvest, vineyards generally had lower yields of fruit with more intense flavour. Vines had more open bunches, which weighed less than average.

> ALCOHOL REGION

14.5% McLaren Vale

## **TASTING NOTES**

Sourced from deep rooted old vines and aged in French and American Oak, this is a fine McLaren Vale Shiraz.

With aromas of plums, blueberries and spices and generous on the palate, it finishes with subtle pepper overtones and an impression as big as its namesake.

Enjoy it now or put it away for awhile - it will love the test of time.

