



2018 Tech Sheet

Vintage Report

With much our fruit reaching the colour and flavour we strive for from the end of February, 2019 started early and extremely intensely. Once the grapes started coming into the Winery the workload was heavy with work around the clock to ensure the fruit was fermented during the perfect window of ripeness, lasting only 5 weeks of fermenting on skins, this was a condensed Vintage.

The ferments were cooled to allow time on grape skins to extract the flavours and tannins from that was developed in the vineyard. Once in barrels the wines finished ferment and began maturation then the full spectrum of flavours began to shine through.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

The 2017 vintage is no exception with the expressive rich fruit that has long been the trademark for this favoured Shiraz. The alluring nose offers fresh plum and mocha, whilst blueberry and plum jam mingle harmoniously with milk chocolate to create a deliciously silky mouthfeel. Generous and dynamic, the Blue Eyed Boy exceeds all expectations.

Awards

- 2017 WA 92; WS 92; Winestate 5
- 2016 WA 92; WS 90; Winestate 4
- 2015 WS 91
- 2014 WS 93; Winestate 5 stars and No.1 Shiraz in the \$40-\$50 category; Huon Hooke 92 and #4 of 47 in McLaren Vale
- 2013 WS 92; Winestate 5 stars
- 2012 WA 91+; WS 92; Silver Medal in the New York International Wine Competition
- 2011 WA 91; WS 92; Winestate 4 stars
- 2010 WA 93; WS 91; Winestate 4 stars
- 2009 WA 92; WS 91
- 2007 WA 95; WS 92 and Editor's Most Exciting New Wine
- 2006 WA 96; WS 92



MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT
Our guarantee of quality

Required: 75% - 80% Actual: 79%

Marquis Fruit Weight™ is the percentage of your palate (from the tip of your tongue going all the way back) that's covered by the velvety sensation of fruit, before you experience any of the structural components of the wine.

Vineyards

McLaren Vale:
Coppermine Road, Gateway, Long Gully
Road Joppich & Mollydooker Home

Sustainably Grown
Picked 7th Mar – 21st Mar

Barrel fermented and matured:
100% American oak;
58% new; 42% one year old

Alc/Vol: 15.5%
Residual sugar: 0.8
pH: 3.65

RRP: \$55

Vegan Friendly

Who is the **Blue Eyed Boy**?
The Blue Eyed Boy is Sarah's son, Luke.
Stomping grapes as a kid and now
working in the vineyards.