



## THE BOXER SHIRAZ

### 2017 Tech Sheet



#### MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT *Our guarantee of quality*

**Required: 65% - 70%**      **Actual: 68%**  
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:

Mollydooker Home, Coppermine, Fragos,  
Ryans Road, Seaview Road, Reedy Creek,  
Hawthorne Ridge, Booths, Martins Road &  
Mongrel Hill

Langhorne Creek:

Birchmore & Joppich

Sustainably Grown

Picked 6<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Barrel fermented and matured:

100% American oak

37% new; 59% 1yr old; 4% 2yr old

Alc/Vol: 16%

Residual sugar: 2.2

pH: 3.58

RRP: \$28

Vegan Friendly

Who is **The Boxer**?

'Mollydooker' is old Aussie slang for a left handed boxer and our Boxer always punches well above its Fruit Weight™. Did you notice he has two left gloves?

#### Vintage Report

With heavy rain in the McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek regions during July, we saw a massive 31% increase in rainfall. These cold, wet conditions continued through to early summer, becoming the defining features of the 2017 vintage. Budburst and flowering were both delayed, resulting in a later harvest than normal. In the lead up to harvest there were concerns of mildew and botrytis affecting the grape quality, however due to our open canopies allowing air flow and perfect summer temperatures, our grapes were not affected.

The quality of our Verdelho crops this year was second to none. Our new early pick Verdelho, exclusive to our Cellar Door, received excellent feedback. All our red varieties produced extraordinary results, with many blocks achieving greater yields and higher Fruit Weights™ than ever before. Our total crop yield came in at 1363 tonnes, a result of the success of our Marquis Vineyard Watering Programme™.

The Fruit Weight™ and flavours needed time to develop in the vineyards before we could begin crafting the wines in the winery. Our patience was well rewarded with plenty of bright, vibrant fruit. Primary ferments were vigorous and healthy; some were cooled to 3.5c to slow down the fermentation to allow maximum colour and flavour to be extracted from the skins. 2017 was one of our biggest and most successful vintages to date.

#### Winemaker Tasting Notes

Complex and expressive, the 2017 Boxer exudes vivacity whilst maintaining great length. Bright maraschino cherry, fresh plum, rich dark chocolate and liquorice max out the flavour spectrum. The tannins are fine, the fruit is soft and the flavours tickle the taste buds. Consistently impressive and seriously good, this wine is not short of character.

#### Awards

2016	WA 90; WS 90; Winestate 4 stars
2015	WS 90
2014	WS 93; Winestate 4 stars
2013	WS 91
2012	Winestate 5 stars
2011	Winestate 4 stars
2010	WA 91; Winestate 4 stars
2009	WA 91; WS 90
2008	WS 91 and 'Best Buy of the Week'; WA 91
2007	WA 93; WS 90 and "Editor's Most Exciting New Wines"
2006	WA 94 and 'Excellent Value under \$25'; WS 90 and 'Top Value Wine'
2005	WA 95 and 'Best Buy under \$20'; WS 91