



SHOTTESBROOKE

# Single Vineyard Bush Vine Grenache 2018

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 challenges of the 2018 vintage started early, with relentless warm weather throughout January exacerbated by very low rainfall. Sunburn from struggling canopies was a constant threat, so strategic irrigation was necessary to allow the foliage to remain healthy and lush. Ripening happened evenly across most varieties, and once optimal maturity was reached, harvest began, with fruit hitting the winery hard and fast. Overall, despite the dramatic start to the season, the wines produced from the 2018 vintage were exemplary. With all the weather-related obstacles either avoided or overcome, the 2018 vintage will no doubt be remembered for its low yields of high quality, and is one which will produce a notable collection of intensely flavoured, elegant wines.

*Sourced from 80 year old+, dry grown bush vines from second generation growers Tony and Tammy Mammoni, this wine shows all the hallmarks of McLaren Vale Grenache. The north facing vineyard is located on the Eastern side of the McLaren Flat township. Grown in sandy loam soils, the vineyard is completely self-regulating, resulting in small crops of exceptionally high quality wine.*

## Winemaking

The fruit for this wine was harvested at optimum ripeness and handled with extreme care as it was brought into the winery for crushing. Individual parcels were fermented separately before being transferred into seasoned, high quality French oak barrels for around 12 months of maturation. Here, it was carefully and continuously monitored and allowed to steadily develop in flavour before each hand-selected parcel was blended, fined and bottled.

## Tasting Notes

<b>Colour</b>	Deep garnet with a vibrant purple hue	
<b>Nose</b>	Upfront aromas of fresh cherries and attractive vanilla notes	
<b>Palate</b>	The generous, supple palate shows delightful flavours of dark plum, raspberries and a lovely earthy, and slightly savoury, spice.	
<b>Cellaring</b>	Until 2029	
<b>Food Match</b>	Rich, slow cooked beef and wild mushroom stew	
<b>Alcohol : 14.5%</b>	<b>pH : 3.48</b>	<b>Residual Sugar : 3.0 g/l</b>
<b>Titrateable Acidity : 5.54 g/l</b>	<b>Harvest Date : March 2018</b>	<b>Bottling Date : August 2019</b>

## Reviews, Awards & Accolades



**GOLD MEDAL**  
Mundus Vini Summer Tasting 2020



James Halliday Wine Companion - 93 points



**GOLD MEDAL**  
Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition 2020

*Clearly this address has a knack for grenache. Superb, in its raspberry bonbon clang of effusive drinkability. The tannins, gently herbal, nicely moulded and guiding; the acidity bright, but far from brittle. A lovely grenache. - Ned Goodwin, Australian Wine Companion (James Halliday)*