

SHOTTESBROOKE

# Estate Series Shiraz 2010

McLaren Vale





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.

With premium fruit sourced from carefully selected sites around McLaren Vale and the Adelaide Hills, the Estate Series proudly displays the fusion of hands-on vineyard practices with the passion we have for making wines of character and depth, whilst remaining true to the hallmark Shottesbrooke style of elegance and finesse.

## Vineyards

The Shottesbrooke vineyards were planted in 1994 on deep sandy loam soils of moderate fertility. Careful management and minimal irrigation produce consistently high quality fruit with excellent balance. The rainfall is about 21 inches per year with this falling predominantly over the winter months.

## Winemaking

Sourced from four separate vineyards, the fruit was destemmed and crushed, and the wine was fermented in static fermenters with regular pump overs. The temperature was maintained between 20 and 22C for several days and then allowed to rise naturally to finish off ferment. Optimum color and tannin was extracted from fermentation on skins, and a portion of the wine was transferred to aged French and American oak hogsheads. The remaining wine completed malolactic fermentation in tank before being transferred to barrel for 10 - 12 months maturation.

### **Tasting Notes**

Colour	Deep, dense red	
Nose	Red currant, raspberry, fennel and black cherry with some pepper and spice. The fruit aromas are supported by fine background oak.	
Palate	Elegant, rich and full flavoured, the palate is layered with ripe fruit and fine long tannins. The wine has a velvety mouth feel with great length.	
Cellaring	Now, until 2019	
Food Match	Indian spiced lamb cutlets	

Alcohol: 14.5%	<b>pH</b> : 3.43	Residual Sugar: g/l
Titratable Acidity : 6.29 g/l	Free S02 : 37 mg/l	Specific Gravity: 0.9940
Volatile Acidity : 0.40 g/l	<b>Total S02</b> : 68 mg/l	Bottling Date : May 2011

### Reviews, Awards & Accolades

"This is a genuinely lovely wine. It's so well balanced most will be drunk before its best-by date 10+ years away, but so what?" - 94 points, James Halliday - June 2011

"Confected red fruits; strawberry over raspberry. Licorice and mint. Oak isn't overplayed but adds choc/vanilla flavours." - Jeremy Pringle, July 2012

"Shottesbrooke's McLaren Vale reds offer outstanding value. The 2010 Shiraz delivers blackberry and spicy aromas, Southern Vales earthiness and subtle oak." - 'Epicure' The Age, October 2012

★★★★ Decanter Magazine, Australian Shiraz tasting, November 2011

