



SHOTTESBROOKE

# Estate Series Cabernet Sangiovese 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, the people, the place and the soul proudly come together and are displayed within each carefully crafted wine that sits within the Shottesbrooke range.*

*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 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.

## Winemaking

Each parcel of fruit for this wine was harvested at its individual optimum ripeness.

Two strains of yeast were selected, the first to specifically enhance the bright fruit character and structure of the Cabernet Sauvignon, and the second to naturally intensify the darker fruit characters from both varieties.

The individual parcels spent between 8 & 10 days on skins, with the smaller Sangiovese batch kept in an open top fermenter with regular plunging to extract additional aroma and flavour compounds from the cap.

The wine was then transferred to seasoned, predominantly French, oak to continue the maturation process before being blended, fined and bottled.

## Tasting Notes

<b>Colour</b>	Deep red with a purple hue
<b>Nose</b>	Aromas of blueberry and black cherry combine with the subtle scent of eucalypt.
<b>Palate</b>	This Cabernet Sangiovese is the perfect blend; structured yet spirited. Bold, dark berry fruits with subtle sweetness and solid, structured tannins are fleshed out with a lively touch of savoury spice and dark chocolate. A wonderful food wine.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink now until 2024
<b>Food Match</b>	Braised lamb shanks with roasted brussels sprouts and creamy polenta

<b>Alcohol</b> : 14.5%	<b>pH</b> : 3.54	<b>Residual Sugar</b> : 4.0 g/l
<b>Titrateable Acidity</b> : 6.27 g/l	<b>Harvest</b> : Cabernet - March 2018 Sangiovese - April 2018	<b>Bottling Date</b> : November 2019

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