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SHIRAZ

SHALE STONE

The classic richness of our McMurtrie Road Vineyard in the heart of McLaren Vale is evident in this wine. However, it is the perfume and mineral texture of Shiraz grown in the shale stone of our higher altitude Angel Gully Vineyard in the subregion of Clarendon that sets it apart.

TASTING NOTE

The bouquet delivers red berry fruit with classic McLaren Vale spiciness. On the palate rich plum fruit and spice balances good acid and tannins with a touch of minerality. Delicious length and wonderful fruit softness.

VINEYARD REGIONS

Our Angel Gully Vineyard in the cool McLaren Vale sub-region of Clarendon is rocky and steep with predominantly shale stone soil. This fruit has elegance and acidic structure to balance the rich brooding red berry character and higher tannins of grapes from our warmer McMurtrie Road Vineyard on the valley floor.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

A dry, warm growing season meant early flowering and a very early start to harvest. Good rainfall in early January provided welcome relief then the warm and dry conditions continued through February resulting in a very short, condensed vintage with some of the best quality fruit we have seen in years.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was crushed directly into traditional open-topped fermenters then manually pumped-over. The open-topped concrete fermenters are at the heart of the Primo Estate wine style. Joe Grilli, owner and winemaker says: 'The soul of a red wine is released where air meets the fermenting skins'.

Harvest February 2018 **Grapes** 100% Estate grown Shiraz **Oak** 15 months in 40% new French and American oak **Alcohol** 14.5% **Winemakers** Joe Grilli & Tom Garrett **Peak drinking** Delicious drinking now or cellar for around 5 - 8 years **Food** Char grilled beef or lamb dishes complement the underlying power of the Shale Stone Shiraz.



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