



SHOTTESBROOKE

# Estate Series Merlot 2014

*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.*

*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

Two major heatwaves in January saw vineyard resilience tested and caused some rattled nerves amongst winemakers, but thankfully this heat was followed by some significant rain to temper any potential damage. The result was a slightly delayed start to vintage, but excellent colour in the fruit and a fantastic balance between sugar ripeness and flavour.

## Winemaking

Natural yeast was used during a nine day fermentation process to ensure flavour intensity was maximised. The wine was gently pumped over twice daily whilst in the static fermenters, before a portion was placed and stored three to four year old oak hogsheads for almost a year with the aim of adding an additional layer of interest and depth to the finished product.

## Tasting Notes

<b>Colour</b>	Deep, rich red
<b>Nose</b>	Black cherries and mulberries complexed with a subtle spicy oak
<b>Palate</b>	Medium bodied wine with a plush mid palate. A velvety mouthfeel with fine tannins and a delightful, lingering finish.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink now to 2019
<b>Food Match</b>	Classic Italian meatballs in a rich tomato sauce

<b>Alcohol</b> : 14.5%	<b>pH</b> : 3.59	<b>Residual Sugar</b> : 4.6 g/l
<b>Titrateable Acidity</b> : 5.52 g/l	<b>Bottling Date</b> : September 2015	

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