

# McPHERSON WINES



## 2017 Shiraz Mourvedre

Released for the first time in 2014, the MWC wines are made with food in mind. Soft, savoury, earthy styles with a European influence, they are a rustic style full of interesting, complex characters made for those who love great, honest wines.



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### VINTAGE INFORMATION

Region	Central Victoria
Varietal	95% Shiraz, 5% Mourvedre
Alcohol	14%
Best Consumed	2019 – 2029



### JO'S WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

Fruit for the McPherson Wine Co. Shiraz Mourvedre was harvested from select vineyard sites within Central Victoria. The must was fermented in static red fermenters and pumped over every eight hours for the ferment's duration. Once the ferment was dry, the resulting wine was pressed off the skins and allowed to settle before allowing a natural secondary fermentation to commence. Separate parcels of the wine were aged on French oak staves for 8 months, after which the final blending of select parcels took place. The resulting wine is ripe, complex and wonderfully rich and brooding. This is in part due to the distinct Shiraz parcels, but also as a result of the Mourvedre which imparts a fruit driven yet earthy character to the wine.

### JO'S HARVEST NOTES

Vintage 2017 is best described as a waiting game. The season was very long with fruit slow to ripen and although the urge just to pick it all was there, we had to bide our time until we had optimal flavours and ripeness. Once I made the decision to pick the grapes came in at an orderly pace, although increased yields due to the rain in spring made the juggling game in the winery even more challenging, with tank space at a premium. We made it through our marathon 2017 vintage and are thrilled with the exceptional quality including a number of really extraordinary parcels.

### JO'S WINE DESCRIPTION

I love making (and drinking) this wine! Rich, earthy with elegant and supple tannins; this Rhone inspired wine is a lovely blend of cool-climate spicy Shiraz combined with mild climate full-bodied Shiraz finely tempered by the savoury tannins of Mourvedre. This is a bold, modern Australian wine exhibiting aromas and flavours of blackberry and spice. The rich and full palate is complemented by hints of French oak leading to a seamless finish. Great to drink young, however time will reward those with patience...

### JO'S FOOD MATCHES

This Shiraz Mourvedre is perfectly paired with char grilled steak, rich red meat dishes or mushroom risotto. Its wide appeal makes it the perfect dinner party wine!

