



# ENCHANTED PATH

## SHIRAZ CABERNET



### 2017 Tech Sheet

#### Vintage Report

With heavy rain in the McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek regions during July, we saw a massive 31% increase in rainfall. These cold, wet conditions continued through to early summer, becoming the defining features of the 2017 vintage. Budburst and flowering were both delayed, resulting in a later harvest than normal. In the lead up to harvest there were concerns of mildew and botrytis affecting the grape quality, however due to our open canopies allowing air flow and perfect summer temperatures, our grapes were not affected.

The quality of our Verdelho crops this year was second to none. Our new early pick Verdelho, exclusive to our Cellar Door, received excellent feedback. All our red varieties produced extraordinary results, with many blocks achieving greater yields and higher Fruit Weights™ than ever before. Our total crop yield came in at 1363 tonnes, a result of the success of our Marquis Vineyard Watering Programme™.

The Fruit Weight™ and flavours needed time to develop in the vineyards before we could begin crafting the wines in the winery. Our patience was well rewarded with plenty of bright, vibrant fruit. Primary ferments were vigorous and healthy; some were cooled to 3.5c to slow down the fermentation to allow maximum colour and flavour to be extracted from the skins. 2017 was one of our biggest and most successful vintages to date.

#### Winemaker Tasting Notes

As our take on the quintessential Australian blend, this perfectly proportioned wine gets its generosity from the Shiraz, whilst the Cabernet provides structure. Fragrant raspberries and hints of toasty butterscotch fill the bouquet, whilst maraschino cherry notes greet you upon first sip. With an incredible depth formed by its fine tannins, the finish of vanilla crème to round out the palate creates something truly magical.

#### Awards

- 2016 WS 93; Winestate 4.5 stars
- 2014 WS 93; Winestate 4.5 stars
- 2013 WS 93
- 2012 WS 93; WA 92+; Winestate 5 stars
- 2011 WA 92pts; WS 92; Winestate 4 stars
- 2010 WA 94; WS 93
- 2009 WA 93; WS 91
- 2007 WA 95+; WS 91 and Editor's Most Exciting New Wine
- 2006 WA 94; WS 93
- 2005 WA 96; WS 90



**MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT**  
*Our guarantee of quality*

**Required: 85% - 90% Actual: 86%**

Marquis Fruit Weight™ is the percentage of your palate (from the tip of your tongue going all the way back) that's covered by the velvety sensation of fruit, before you experience any of the structural components of the wine.

#### Vineyards:

McLaren Vale:  
Gateway & Rivers Lane

Sustainably Grown  
Picked 18<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April

Barrel fermented and matured:  
95% American oak; 5% French  
85% new; 15% one year old

Alc/Vol: 16%  
Residual sugar: 3.0  
pH: 3.64

RRP: \$75

Vegan Friendly

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Enchanted Path celebrates everyone's magical journey in life.