

# BARREL MONKEYS

McLaren Vale • Shiraz • 2016



Gorgeously rich and fruity McLaren Vale Shiraz with luscious fruit power and soft vanilla oak.

## The Story

Every great winemaker starts as a 'barrel monkey', dragging hoses, clambering over barrel stacks, digging out and scrubbing the tanks. At the pioneering RedHeads Studio, their true genius is unleashed each vintage on some of the greatest fruit South Australia has to offer.

This wine is a celebration of all those newly qualified talents, who came first to our McLaren Vale studio, to try their hand at making tiny batch, experimental wines in primitive, garage-like conditions ... and made some terrific one-off prize winners. The same continues in the Barossa and here, in particular, with the luscious-fruit power of Barrel Monkeys.

## The Wine

This wine really plays to the strengths of RedHeads – each year, we select the very best parcels of McLaren Vale Shiraz. We don't tie ourselves to one grower or one area, but search out where Nature has been most magnanimous in her gifts of good weather and where growers have made full use of what she has bestowed.

What we can guarantee each year is richness of fruit and real power, all wrapped in the soft vanilla tones of larger American oak. Consistently gorgeous, luscious and totally irresistible.

## Tasting Note

Deep purple-toned crimson. Brooding aromas of dark red fruits (plums and mulberries) with the sweet scent of cedary oak. Liquid velvet with spicy blackberry and raspberry power, finishing on notes of smoky liquorice, generously wrapping a framework of rounded tannins.

## Food Pairing

This wine is meant for a cold night in front of the fire – beside the hearth indoors in winter, round the fire-pit outside in more clement months. Perfect with rosemary-scented, still-pink lamb chops, thick-cut steak with duck-fat fried potatoes or smoked paprika, tomato and butter bean stew with hot panini.

## Cellar Potential

Totally delicious and velvety now, yet with the firm structural accents to permit cellaring for another 5 years. During which time it will round out and develop those extra interesting flavours.



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Grape: Shiraz  
Alcohol (abv): 14.5%  
Cellar Potential: 5 years



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