

# songlinesestates

## BYLINES

### 2015 McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ

- Alc/Vol:** 14.0%
- Colour:** Dark squid ink in colour.
- Bouquet:** Black forest fruits with plum and some nice hints of oak and black pepper on the nose.
- Palate:** A full flavoured palate with dark fruit flavours. The head line acts are plum, mulberry, blackberry and some underlining hints of mocha, whilst a touch of blueberry pie and cedary oak add depth to the palate which is long and flavoursome and finishes with nutmeg, oak and a soft tannin structure driving a long finish.
- Winemaking:** Made from some of the finest Shiraz vineyards in McLaren Vale with some of the vines aged up to nearly 80 years old, which result in low yields of 2.5 to 3.0 tonne to the acre. The oldest blocks are pruned and hand picked due to the vines age to avoid damage, which allows the winemaker to carefully select the individual batches at optimum ripeness. A variety of winemaking techniques are used to match each batch of wine perfectly. This means different batches received a combination of open vat fermentation or submerged cap fermenters. Temperatures are generally warmer although some cool fermented vats were included in the final blend. Batches are selected that will show a more generous flavour earlier in its life, with softer tannins, rounder structure and an open display of fruit character. The wine is matured using mature barrique oak barrels prior to bottling with minimal fining or filtration.
- Cellaring:** Will drink well upon release but will reward patience and further ageing for up to 10 years.

