



THE BLACK CHOOK

2013 SHIRAZ MCLAREN VALE & PADTHAWAY



THE BRAND

Utilising premium fruit from eminent wine regions in South Australia, The Black Chook struts affordable wines to be enjoyed and adored, shared and celebrated! Since first vintage in 2003, Black Chook Shiraz has scored an uninterrupted run of 90+ points internationally recognised reviews and enjoys great success in Australia, Canada and USA.

Careful vineyard selection teamed with exceptional winemaking and an emphasis on consistent varietal expression hatches wines with approachability generosity and character that really are something to cluck about.

THE REGION/S

The Black Chook Shiraz is sourced from the premium grape growing regions of McLaren Vale and Padthaway in South Australia.

McLaren Vale has an unrivalled reputation in Australia and indeed the world, for growing Shiraz which is full flavoured, ripe and balanced. Situated approximately 40km to the south of Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, McLaren Vale has a Mediterranean type climate. Experiencing winter dominant rainfall, warm, dry summers that are tempered by the proximity of the Gulf St. Vincent and low humidity.

The Padthaway wine region, since first vineyards were established in 1964, has a well established reputation for producing premium quality grapes across a wide range of varieties, including Shiraz. Chosen for its rich, diverse soils, underground water supply and Mediterranean climate, this region, located approximately 300km south east of Adelaide, produces elegant Shiraz with balance and finesse.

Both regions have very consistent climates which produce some of the best Shiraz in the country and work together harmoniously in the final blend.

WINEMAKING

The Shiraz grapes are co-fermented with a small amount of Viognier skins which adds a vibrant perfumed aroma and at the same time intensifies the deep rich colour and supple tannins.

THE WINE

A seductive nose of bright red berry and mulberry fruits with hints of blueberry, black pepper and oak spice. The palate is generous, full of rich black fruits, vanilla, anise and sweet spice. A long lingering finish of delightfully soft Shiraz but not without the punch.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

pH 3.49 | TA 5.9g/L | RS 3.6g/L | Alc 14.5%

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