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WINEMAKER

# Nero Diavola

# 2017

Officially known as Calabrese in Italy with Nero d'Avola a modern evolution of Sicily's most famous vinous export. An early flowering late ripening variety that tolerates heat without dropping acidity, makes for a perfect match in our dry region near the sea.

Nero may just represent a necessary genesis towards varieties more suited to our climate: a wine that was just meant to be.

## THE VINTAGE

Simply stated, 2018 was a solid year. A vintage without extremes that was kind to both winemakers and vines alike. The fruit had lovely freshness and vivacity, the crops were of an average size and there was consistency throughout despite the dryness of the soil. Even the winemakers seemed to be enjoying themselves!

## WINEMAKING

<b>Variety</b>	100 % Nero d'Avola
<b>Varietal Origin</b>	Sicily and Calabria, Italy
<b>Vineyard</b>	Olivers Road, McLaren Vale
<b>Process</b>	Hand-picked in mid-March and traditionally vinified in a small open-top fermenter for ten days. Gently pressed and sent immediately to a 4300L French oak vat for malolactic fermentation, racked and returned to vat for a further seven months before bottling in February 2019.
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.0%
<b>Ph</b>	3.66
<b>TA</b>	6.20

## FOR THE SENSES

<b>Flavour Profile</b>	Aromas of black cherry, dried-herbs, incense and terra-cotta tile lead on to a palate of dark chocolate, plum, beetroot and signature cherry.
<b>Structure &amp; Texture</b>	It's a bit of a devil: Deceptive yet charming with seductive tannins that are suede like and complement the Italian herb-garden finish.

## CELLARING

You could go for seven, maybe more, but really very delicious right now.

## SERVING

Meatballs in sugo with fried gnocchi.

