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WINEMAKER

# The Vale 2017

The truly wondrous thing about wine is that speaks of where it comes from. All true wine has a local accent - something distinct and unmistakable that helps you place it in an instant.

This old vine Shiraz Grenache is our wine of place and it couldn't come from anywhere else but *'The Vale'*. The blend is something altogether more than the sum of its two parts – it is the Vale in essence, taste and character

## THE VINTAGE

A very cool, mild and stress-free vintage for vines, not winemakers! Good winter and spring rains were followed by a very mild, long summer. The results are wines with ample fruit complexity and great natural acidity. Most important however is the delicious fruit freshness and balance.

## WINEMAKING

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| <b>Variety</b>         | 74% Shiraz, 26% Grenache  |
| <b>Varietal Origin</b> | France for the Shiraz. Spain or possibly Italy for the Grenache.  |
| <b>Vineyard</b>        | Koomilya (Upper Tintara) Shiraz and McLaren Vale Grenache   |
| <b>Process</b>         | Both parcels hand-picked on the 21 <sup>st</sup> of March and co-fermented spending 10 days on skins before being sent to old French puncheons for 7 months. Transferred to a 2800L vat in December 2017 for a further 7 months and bottled on the 13 <sup>th</sup> of July 2018. |
| <b>Alcohol</b>         | 14%   |
| <b>pH</b>              | 3.66  |
| <b>TA</b>              | 6.0   |

## FOR THE SENSES

**Flavour Profile** Blackberry, licorice, plum and dark fruit with the added complexity of iodine and ironstone adding an umami character. A complex and integrated nose finishing with nutmeg, clove, and musk.

**Structure & Texture** These two varieties unite to achieve a seamless medium bodied wine with a structured texture. The Grenache controls the mid-palate exuberance of the Shiraz and provides great length. Tightly wound, coiled and brooding. Long mouth-watering tannins. The mid pallet intensity makes for a very serious bottle of wine

## CELLARING

15+ Years

## SERVING

Slow cooked Pork Shoulder, Smoked Chilli and Beans from Eat at the Bar by Matt McConnell

