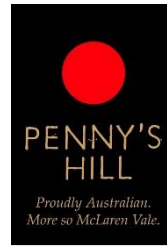


2013 PENNY'S HILL McLAREN VALE 'CRACKING BLACK' SHIRAZ



TRULY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PENNY'S HILL MCLAREN VALE TERROIR, 'CRACKING BLACK' PAYS HOMAGE TO THE BAY OF BISCAY SOILS WHICH CONTRIBUTE MUCH IN THE WAY OF ELEGANCE AND FINESSE TO THE MIGHTY SHIRAZ WINES OF THE REGION.

VARIETALS: Shiraz – 100%

REGION: McLaren Vale

VINEYARDS: Planted in 1991 and added to the Penny's Hill estate vineyard group in 1993, Malpas Road is named after the pioneering Malpas family who held lands in what was originally referred to as 'Bay of Biscay'. This is an obvious reference to the relatively infertile cracking, grey-black soil upon which our hand-tended Shiraz patch does its work. The fissures which occur as the black soil cracks apart, sever surplus root structure; a process which naturally lessens vigour and enhances ultimate grape quality. Other fruit parcels were sourced from the slightly higher elevated vines of the Penny's Hill vineyard. Detailed canopy management, judicious irrigation and passionate viticultural practices in both these high class vineyards contribute to this outstanding Shiraz. Harvest was February - March 2013.

VINIFICATION: To best reflect the variations in terroir across the vineyards, harvest of individual parcels occurred on different days. Grapes were crushed, de-stemmed and fermented on skins in either static or open fermenters for 7 days prior to pressing. Each parcel was matured in French oak barrels for 18 months; approximately 20% new, the balance 1-4 years old. By keeping parcels separate throughout the winemaking process, the winemaker was able to access a variety of components for blending. Bottling – 17th September 2014.

COLOUR: Dark cherry red

BOUQUET: Satsuma plum and red berry fruits layered with anise, mocha and dark chocolate.

PALATE: Generous red berry and plum fruits persist, balanced by subtle oak and sweet spice. This well-structured wine is supported by fine long tannins and exceptional fruit weight, making it unmistakably McLaren Vale, more so Penny's Hill.

CELLARING: Ready to drink, but will happily age for 5+ years

TECH DETAILS: pH 3.5 | TA 6.33 | Alc/Vol 14.5%

