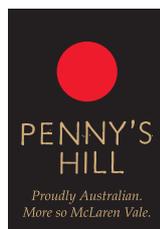


# 2016 PENNY'S HILL McLAREN VALE 'SKELETON KEY' SHIRAZ



.....  
A DELIBERATELY LONG-AGED EXPRESSION OF THE CUMULATIVE BEST OF OUR McLAREN VALE VINEYARD SITE, 'SKELETON KEY' IS CELLARED AND CAREFULLY BOTTLE AGED BEFORE IT IS UNLOCKED.  
.....

**VARIETALS:** Shiraz - 100%

**REGION:** McLaren Vale

**VINEYARD:** Slightly higher elevation (140mtrs) means the original Penny's Hill Vineyard enjoys a climate a little cooler than the rest of McLaren Vale. This ensures more consistent temperatures throughout the ripening period, allowing Shiraz to reach optimum ripeness with minimum stress. Planted in 1991 with clone 1654, Penny's Hill Shiraz benefits demonstrably from a high density, narrow-row layout which sees less crop load per vine than is usual in the region.

**WINEMAKING:** Individual shiraz blocks from the Penny's Hill Vineyard site were harvested and vinified separately to best express the variations in terroir. Blocks were harvested during the small window of the 19th-25th of February and fruit parcels were fermented on skins in open fermenters for 10 days. Maturation was in the finest French oak barriques, of which 40% were new and remaining 1-3 year old oak. After 18 months, the wine was barrel selected and blended to best showcase the complexities and diversity of the Penny's Hill Vineyard site.

**THE WINE:** A true reflection of its terroir; this wine shows perfume and spice, coupled with vibrant red berry and blueberry fruit, cedar and dark chocolate. Subtle oak spice plays a supporting role and adds a layered complexity. The palate demonstrates a high level of fruit intensity, showing depth and concentration. This tightly structured wine is pure and elegant; its fine tannins have focus, direction and length to charm.

**CELLARING:** Ready to drink, but will cellar for 8-10 years.

**WINEMAKER:** Alexia Roberts

**TECH DETAILS:** pH 3.55 | TA 6.67g/L | Alc/vol 14.5%

