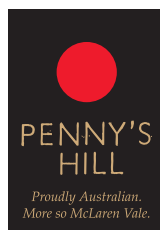


# 2016 PENNY'S HILL McLAREN VALE 'THE SPECIALIZED' SHIRAZ, CABERNET, MERLOT



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BLENDING SHIRAZ FROM THE ELEVATED, NARROW ROWS OF PENNY'S HILL VINEYARD WITH JUICY CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND MERLOT GROWN ON THE BLACK BISCAI SOILS OF GOSS CORNER VINEYARD, WE PRODUCE 'THE SPECIALIZED'. A WINE OF SPECIAL CHARACTER; SHOWING VOLUME, STRUCTURE AND APPROACHABILITY.  
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**VARIETALS:** Shiraz - 52%  
Cabernet Sauvignon - 34%  
Merlot - 14%

**REGION:** McLaren Vale

**VINEYARD:** Shiraz is sourced from the narrow planted, high density vines of the Penny's Hill Vineyard and is combined with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from our Goss Corner Vineyard grown on the black, cracking 'Bay of Biscay' clay soil. Hand-tended, parcels were harvested separately between late February and early March.

**WINEMAKING:** Each parcel was vinified separately in the winery. Fruit was destemmed then crushed and fermented on skins in an open or static fermenter for 7-10 days to extract sufficient colour, flavour and tannin. Post pressing, each parcel underwent secondary fermentation and maturation in oak barrels, of which 20% were new oak. After 16 months of maturation and when perfect balance was obtained for each wine, 'The Specialized' was blended. This wine was bottled in September 2017.

**THE WINE:** A seamless wine showing an array of dark fruit, mulberry and cherry with hints of dark chocolate and anise all adding complexity. The palate continues to shine and offers flavoursome, spicy Shiraz fruit, balanced perfectly by fine, long Cabernet Sauvignon tannins and soft, juicy Merlot flavours. The French oak is finely balanced to add depth and class to produce a wine with persistence and poise.

**CELLARING:** Ready to drink, but will cellar for 5-8 years.

**WINEMAKER:** Alexia Roberts

**TECH DETAILS:** pH 3.47 | TA 6.40 | Alc/vol 14.5%

