

MINISTRY OF CLOUDS

—
2016 SHIRAZ

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BLEWITT SPRINGS
SINGLE VINEYARD

Welcome to Country...

From the First Australians through to our most recent migrants, our lives are enriched by their cultural capital. In Blewitt Springs it was the Italian families who arrived post war to plant the blocks that the English had missed that has forever changed the face of McLaren Vale.

Conceived, planted and nurtured from 1962 onwards on an elevated southeast facing site, the Patrilli family's famed Blewitt Springs Shiraz vineyard is celebrated in this single site wine. We thank the family for the opportunity to revel in their fantastic fruit.

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Creation

Take a single vineyard, planted to only one varietal – Shiraz, pick only from the oldest 55 year old section with their roots deep in the Maslin Sand laid over Ironstone. The fruit was hand harvested gently de-stemmed for a whole berry ferment in an old open French oak fermenter with 5-10% whole bunch included. Plunged daily to ensure appropriate colour and flavour extraction, and then basket press to old Francois Frères and Saury barriques for 12 months maturation.

Composition

A surprisingly cool fruited, but dense and bright expression of Blewitt Springs Shiraz. Layered complexity, with spicy blue and black berries, notes of nutmeg, violets, and a gentle creamy nuttiness from old French oak. On the palate, it exhibits a tightly wound core of dark berried crunchy fruit, framed by persistent sandy tannins, and bright acidity.

Consumption

Ideal serving temperature is 16 °C, please take the time to splash in a decanter for as long as you dare – and serve with your favourite Sunday Roast – either Chinese roast pork, slow roasted Lamb shoulder with onion and garlic, or a standing beef rib roast with duck fat potatoes. Cool cellaring between to 5 years to 15 years will be rewarded.

VARIETY: 100% SHIRAZ

ALCOHOL: 14.%

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