

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 Patritti 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 two separate sections a week apart, both sites with their roots deep in the Maslin Sand laid over Ironstone. This fruit was hand harvested gently destemmed for a whole berry ferment in old open French oak fermenters with 10% whole bunch included. Pumped over daily to ensure appropriate colour and flavour extraction, and then basket pressed to a mixture of French oak puncheons and hogsheads for 18 months maturation.

Composition

A surprisingly cool fruited, but dense and bright expression of Blewitt Springs Shiraz. Gently complex, with spicy blue and black berries, layers of nutmeg, violets, and a gentle creamy nuttiness from French oak. On the palate, it exhibits a finely wrought core of dark berried fruit, framed by persistent sandy tannins, and kept taut by a line of natural 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: 14.5%
BOTTLED: DECEMBER 2017