

# MINISTRY OF CLOUDS

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2017 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 two separate sections five days 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 two tonne open fermenters with 12% whole bunch included. Pumped over daily to ensure appropriate colour and flavour extraction, and then basket pressed to a mixture of new French oak puncheons and old hogsheads for 18 months maturation.

## Composition

A cool fruited, but dense, generous and fragrant expression of Blewitt Springs Shiraz. Gently complex, with dark blue and black berries, layers of nutmeg, violets, and a supporting foundation of spicy 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 5 years to 15 years will be rewarded.

**VARIETY: 100% SHIRAZ**

**ALCOHOL: 14.5%**

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