



## McLEISH ESTATE

### 2014 McLEISH SHIRAZ

The McLeish Estate Shiraz encapsulates the essence of the Hunter Valley and our own winemaking style. The aromas of rich mulberry and spicy blackberries are perfectly balanced with the complex spice, floral and violet overtones to the blackberry and plum fruit at the core of the palate. The ripe but refined tannins and quality oak complete an outstanding example of Hunter Valley Shiraz.



#### VINTAGE

Good early season rain followed a very early budburst in late August with even growing conditions continuing until Christmas. Ripening commenced in mid-December and with the very low seasonal crop levels the harvest was the earliest for decades. All major varietals were picked before the first rains in late January. Our Shiraz blocks were picked with great colour and structure at over 14Be. Cropping levels for Shiraz were 0.5 to 1.5 tonnes/acre and we expect the wines to be classics

#### VINEYARD

Our Shiraz vineyard was established in 1985 with the vines being hand harvested. Continuously creating outstanding fruit each year, the vines are dry land grown, thus ensuring low yields and high quality fruit. The vineyard soil is quite typical of the Hunter Valley with a mixture of sandy loam and red volcanic clay

#### APPELATION/GI

Hunter Valley (New South Wales) 100%

#### WINEMAKING

Fermented on skins at 18-20 degrees for 7 days. New and Matured French oak for 12 months prior to bottling.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

BLEND	Shiraz (100%)
BOTTLING DATE	18/1/2015
TA	6.83
PH:	3.40
ALC/VOL:	13.5%
STANDARD DRINKS	7



#### McLeish Awards



5 Star Rating in James Halliday Australian Wine Companion