



CARNIVAL OF LOVE SHIRAZ



2018 Tech Sheet

Vintage Report

Starting early March, the 2018 Vintage can be defined by the even ripening that lead to great fermentation conditions. The grapes came into the winery at a steady pace with excellent colour and breadth of flavour shown as soon as the fruit was first crushed. Ferments were easily controlled allowing efficient extraction of tannins and flavours from the skins during pump-overs. Malolactic fermentation moved quickly during the oak maturation phase to reveal the intensity and depth of character of the wines which will be the hallmark of 2018 Vintage.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

A lively and expressive Shiraz, the 2018 Carnival of Love begins with raspberry and cassis leading the aromatics, with soft hints of butterscotch. The red fruits are rich with layers of toffee and coconut weaving through the darker plummy fruit that fills the palate. Mocha and spice add more dimensions to an already impressive array of flavours, creating a true celebration of McLaren Vale Shiraz.

Awards

2018	WA 94; WS 93
2017	WA 94; WS 93; Winestate 5 stars
2016	WA 94; WS 93; Winestate 5 stars
2014	WS 95 and #30 Wine in the World; Winestate 5 stars
2013	WS 93; Winestate 4.5 stars
2012	WS 95 and #2 Wine in the World; WA 95; Winestate's Wine of the Year for 2014
2011	WS 94; WA 93+; Winestate 4.5 stars
2010	WA 95; WS 94
2009	WS 94 and Hot Wine; WA 93
2007	WA 96; WS 95 and 9 th Best Wine in the World
2006	WA 97; WS 95 and 8 th Best Wine in the World
2005	WA 99; WS 94



MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT
Our guarantee of quality

Required: 85% - 95% Actual: 88%

Marquis Fruit Weight™ is the percentage of your palate (from the tip of your tongue going all the way back) that's covered by the velvety sensation of fruit, before you experience any of the structural components of the wine.

Vineyards:
McLaren Vale:
Gateway

Sustainably Grown
Picked 10th Mar – 13th Mar

Barrel fermented and matured:
100% American oak
100% new

Alc/Vol: 16%
Residual sugar: 0.7 (G/F)
pH: 3.54

RRP: \$80

Vegan Friendly

What is Carnival of Love?
This is as life should be - a Carnival of Love.
A place where everyone wants to be and
no one wants to leave.