



2015 Tech Sheet

Vintage Report

Vintage began slightly earlier than usual on the 23rd February and went on to be one of our most exciting and challenging vintages to date. An unseasonably dry spring produced an early budburst and still conditions gave the fruit a chance to set in beautifully. Heat spikes in January followed by 11 days over 35°C/95°F in the first 23 days of February, meant that careful monitoring of the vine's health using the Marquis Vineyard Watering Programme™ was integral in producing high quality grapes.

Despite the seasonal challenges, we harvested a total of 1026.24 tonnes and processed 72 individual parcels of fruit. Due to our scrupulous Fruit Weight™ guidelines and our commitment to excellence, this year's fruit did not achieve the required Fruit Weight™ necessary to make the Enchanted Path, Carnival of Love and Velvet Glove. On the bright side, this meant that some incredible fruit was used to make our 2015 Lefty and Family wines. Combining quality fruit with some very clever and methodical winemaking, the results are simply outstanding.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

The Blue Eyed Boy Shiraz has an incredibly lifted nose. Aromas of ripe blackberry, dark cherry and mocha greet you, followed by rich black liquorice and vanilla pod notes. The careful use of American oak hums seamlessly in the background and finishes with a beautiful creamy mouthfeel. The Fruit Weight™ and intensity of the Blue-Eyed Boy never ceases to amaze us.

Awards

- 2015 WS 91
- 2014 WS 93; Winestate 5 stars
- 2013 WS 92; Winestate 5 stars; Huon Hooke 92
- 2012 WA 91+; WS 92
- 2011 WA 91; WS 92; Winestate 4 stars
- 2010 WA 93; WS 91; Winestate 4 stars
- 2009 WA 92; WS 91
- 2007 WA 95; WS 92 and Editor's Most Exciting New Wine



MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT
Our guarantee of quality

Required: 75% - 80% Actual: 80%

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, Coppermine Road, Long Gully Road & Mollydooker Home

Sustainably Grown

Picked 26th February – 26th March

Barrel fermented and matured:

100% American oak;

53% new; 47% one year old

Alc/Vol: 17%

Residual sugar: 3.6

pH: 3.59

RRP: \$49

Who is the **Blue Eyed Boy**?

The Blue Eyed Boy is Sarah and Sparky's son, Luke. Stomping grapes as a kid and now working in the vineyards.