



## THE BOXER SHIRAZ

### 2016 Tech Sheet

#### Vintage Report

2016 was Mollydooker's biggest vintage to date, with a total 1437 tonne of grapes crushed and into barrel. Budburst was a week later than usual, but veraison and harvesting were generally right on cue, despite several heat spikes (up to 42°C/107°F) early in the season.

To handle the extra fruit we decided to increase our fermentation capacity in the winery, this meant that a lot of work needed to be completed before the fruit arrived. Much thought and a whole lot of manpower went into creating four new temperature controlled 10 tonne fermenters. The tanks were installed just one week before the fruit arrived, phew!

Our first pick was our McLaren Vale Verdelho in the third week of February. The last time we made The Violinist Verdelho was in 2013, so it was exciting to see its return in 2016. The arrival of all our red grapes were fortunately well spaced out, which allowed the winemakers ample space to handle the fruit in the winery. During March and April the weather remained mild which was perfect for grape maturation, allowing the flavour and Fruit Weight™ to consistently increase week by week. The ferments were well behaved and finished off beautifully in barrel, allowing early oak integration and added complexity in the wines.

#### Winemaker Tasting Notes

This alluring and unashamedly bold Shiraz has hints of spiced plums, blackberry jam and cherry all at the fore and finishes with coffee cream, licorice and vanilla. Full bodied with vibrant berry fruit characteristics, yet elegant with restrained tannins, resulting in a soft mouthfeel. This 2016 Boxer is sure to be a knockout!

#### Awards

2016	Winestate 4 stars
2015	WS 90
2014	WS 93; Winestate 4 stars
2013	WS 91
2012	Winestate 5 stars
2011	Winestate 4 stars
2010	WA 91; Winestate 4 stars
2009	WA 91; WS 90
2008	WS 91 and 'Best Buy of the Week'; WA 91
2007	WA 93; WS 90 and "Editor's Most Exciting New Wines"
2006	WA 94 and 'Excellent Value under \$25'; WS 90 and 'Top Value Wine'
2005	WA 95 and 'Best Buy under \$20'; WS 91



#### MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT *Our guarantee of quality*

**Required: 65% - 70% Actual: 69%**

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:

Mollydooker Home, Coppermine Road, Long Gully Road, Fragos, Ryans Road, Seaview, Reedy Creek, Hawthorn Ridge, Booths & Martins Road

Langhorne Creek:

Birchmore & Joppich

Sustainably Grown

Picked 12<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> May

Barrel fermented and matured:

100% American oak

42% new; 42% 1yr old; 16% 2yr old

Alc/Vol: 16%

Residual sugar: 2.8

pH: 3.64

RRP: \$28

Vegan Friendly

#### Who is **The Boxer**?

'Mollydooker' is old Aussie slang for a left handed boxer and our Boxer always punches well above its fruit weight. Did you notice he has two left gloves?