



ENCHANTED PATH

SHIRAZ CABERNET



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 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

The 2016 Enchanted Path displays an inky deep colour with dense hues. The journey begins with fragrant bright red fruit on the nose, followed by deeper tones of blackberry and plum jam on the palate. Well guided by precise tannins, these flavours will fully entertain your senses, giving the wine phenomenal length. The captivating interplay between the Shiraz and Cabernet provides a sophisticated mix of plum and mocha, walking beside raspberry and clove. The 2016 Enchanted Path exercises both elegance and complexity with a well-balanced finish.

Awards

- 2016 Winestate 2 stars
- 2014 WS 93; Winestate 4.5 stars
- 2013 WS 93
- 2012 WS 93; WA 92+; Winestate 5 stars
- 2011 WA 92pts; WS 92; Winestate 4 stars
- 2010 WA 94; WS 93
- 2009 WA 93; WS 91
- 2007 WA 95+; WS 91 and Editor's Most Exciting New Wine
- 2006 WA 94; WS 93
- 2005 WA 96; WS 90



MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT
Our guarantee of quality

Required: 85% - 90% Actual: 87%

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:
Gateway & Rivers Lane
McLaren Vale

Sustainably Grown
Picked 5th – 28th April

Barrel fermented and matured:
95% American oak; 5% French
85% new; 15% one year old

Alc/Vol: 15.5%
Residual sugar: 3.0
pH: 3.59

RRP: \$75

Vegan Friendly

What is the **Enchanted Path**?
Enchanted Path celebrates everyone's magical journey in life.