

# Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



## Kangarilla Road Geology Series 2014 Blanche Point Shiraz

The impact of Summer was felt in McLaren Vale in 2014 with two major heatwaves in both January and February testing grapevine tolerance to extreme conditions. Relief came with a major rain event with 40mm falling in 24 hours. This signalled the beginning of a pattern of cooler daytime temperatures which, together with the water that was retained by the vines, had the effect of delaying harvest allowing flavour to balance with sugar ripeness.

The vineyard this Shiraz is sourced from is within view of Maslin Beach and it's geology is from the Eocene (34-56 million years ago) and is on Blanche Point Formation which is a marine fossil rich calcareous siltstone/limestone.

Whilst the vineyard is close to the sea, the vines are reasonably protected by sandhills and vegetation but there is still a level of stress for the vines in their quest for water which in turn adds to the quality of the fruit.

<b>Total Acidity g/L</b>	6.74
<b>Alcohol %</b>	14.5
<b>pH</b>	3.25
<b>Bottling Date</b>	November 2016
<b>Winemaker</b>	Kevin O'Brien

On the nose there is sweet purple and black fruit conserve with an edge of menthol. Cool green forests and warm spiciness co-exist with an attractive perfume reminiscent of bath salts.

Rich dark fruit and blackberry pie marry in this textural more masculine shiraz. There is a nod to high cocoa chocolate and the firm fruit tannins reflect the vineyard's terroir.

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