

# Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



## Kangarilla Road 2014 The Devil's Whiskers Shiraz

The Devil's Whiskers are the two little marks that appear around the top lips of some people when they drink red wine – even just one glass.

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.

This Shiraz was fermented in an open fermenter with floating cap management with four cap turnovers per day. The wine was gently pressed at dryness and aged for 18 months in new French oak barriques.

<b>Total Acidity g/1L</b>	6.5
<b>Alcohol %</b>	14.5
<b>pH</b>	3.3
<b>Bottling Date</b>	June 2016
<b>Winemaker</b>	Kevin O'Brien

This Shiraz was mostly sourced from two vineyards, one located in the gateway to McLaren Vale together with fruit from Maslin's Beach (located very close to the Gulf St. Vincent at the south-western end of McLaren Vale). The gateway sourced Shiraz has lovely structure giving solid backbone to the wine with intense mid to back palate presence, the Maslin's portion contributes chalky tannins and minerality.

The delicious scent of dark deep red roses, plums and black cherries entwine with an amazing array of spices suggestive of a tantalisingly aromatic Chinese Five Spice powder.

A rich and textural combination of dark and bright red berry fruits delight the palate. Lovely spiced integrated oak take dark plums, prunes and anise to a long and satisfying finish.

**Drink now – 15 years**

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