

Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



Kangarilla Road 2018 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.

McLaren Vale benefited from a good wet season in 2017 which gave us very healthy vines heading into the 2018 season. These very good winter rains set up conditions for initial canopy growth and the dry spring kept the vigour in check and early season disease at bay. Our summer and early autumn were unusually dry, in fact here was as little as 10mm of rain from 1st of January through to picking in the middle of March. Favourable summer ripening weather with daytime temperatures in the high twenties, with cool nights, led to fruit in great condition at picking. Early indications suggest the wines are very good from this vintage across the board.

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 hogsheads.

Total Acidity g/1L	7.03
Alcohol %	14.5
pH	3.34
Bottling Date	August 2020
Winemaker	Kevin O'Brien

This Shiraz was sourced from a vineyard located in the gateway to McLaren Vale. The fruit from this vineyard has lovely structure giving solid backbone to the wine with intense mid to back palate presence.

Dark brooding black fruits immediately greet your nose. Next the arrival of attractive perfumed floral notes reminiscent of bath salts and then the fruits return as delicious notes of blackberry conserve.

The palate is divinely plush with a mixture of red and black berry fruits and again there are floral notes. The tannins are gently mouth coating giving added texture and the dense berry fruit favours linger on and on.

Drink now – 15 years

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