



THE FIGUREHEAD

2016 SHIRAZ

McLAREN VALE

Figureheads are symbolic, statements of leadership and pride. They were often set as busts at the prow of old sailing ships and given our history, it seems appropriate that we should have one too.

As you would expect, our figurehead is none other than Richard Morton Shaw, who along with our mum Marie, and a fair dose of tenacity and vision, steered our company towards the success we now enjoy.

Appropriately, this McLaren Vale Shiraz is a wonderful testament to his work; we are known for this varietal and we make no finer example than that contained in this bottle.

Garnet red, with a stunning purple hue, lifted violets, vanillin and chocolate notes on the nose, it's rich in stewed plums, prunes and spice, persisting through to the subtle, fine velvety tannins you expect from only the best Shiraz. Let it take pride of place in your collection, just as it does in ours. Enjoy now or cellar for seven to ten years to release its full potential.

ALCOHOL 15%

VINTAGE 2016

Vintage 2016 will be remembered for a warm and dry spring, which promoted shoot growth and flowering, followed up by heavy rain immediately before harvest which helped boost vineyard yields. At harvest vines produced some of the bigger crops we have seen since 2004, but they generally weren't overcropped as vine growth was balanced. The warm spring and early summer days and nights ensured that vines grew well and then set well. The rain in early February delayed the start of red grape picking until the middle of February. March had above average rainfall, but fortunately this fell after a high percentage of harvest was complete.