

Lazy T

Single Vineyard

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

McLaren Vale

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Prior to the machine harvesting of grapes, vines were often trained on a T trellis which allowed sunlight and fresh air freely into the vine canopy. When Richard and Marie bought this block most of these trellises were looking decidedly lazy and many of the vines were lying on the ground. With a bit of TLC and some leftover concrete to cement the new strainers into position, these grand old gnarlies were saved and today produce some of the best fruit in the region.

Still hand-picked, this premium McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits the aromas and flavours of cassis fruit, cherries, mint and eucalyptus integrated with the flavours of chocolate and vanillin from the French Oak. Enjoy now or cellar for 7-10 year to release its full potential.

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Summer conditions were significantly warmer than average with two heat waves through January and one in February tested the limits of grapevine tolerance to extreme heat. Equally damaging were extremely high speed winds which reduced berry set, stripped leaves and reduced the size of canopies and increased the level of fruit exposure.

Rain in February rehydrated vines and freshened up vine leaves. The rain also signaled the beginning of a pattern of cooler daytime temperatures which allowed fruit to finish ripening during some relatively moderate temperatures.

This year's harvest was prolonged by a slow ripening period. The first harvest began at the end of January and ended during April with the last of the red grapes crushed.

REGION	McLAREN VALE
VINEYARD	T TRELLIS
VINE AGE	45+ YEARS
SOIL PROFILE	IRONSTONE/LOAM CLAY
ALCOHOL	15%
pH	3.29
TA	6.71

