



# DANDELION VINEYARDS LIONESS OF MCLAREN VALE SHIRAZ 2017



Roaring with awards!

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Product Code: 6320

Closure: Screw Cap

Country: Australia

Unit: Each

Region: South Australia

Volume: 750ml

Sub Region: McLaren Vale

Alcohol: 14.5%

Style: Red

Grape: 100% Shiraz

Variety: Syrah / Shiraz

## TASTING NOTES

**Platinum Medal & 94/100 - San Diego International Wine & Spirit Competition 2018**

**Gold Medal & 95/100 - McLaren Vale Wine Show 2018**

**Gold Medal - New York International Wine Competition 2019**

**Gold Medal - Critics International Wine Challenge (USA) 2018**

**Gold Medal - Winemaker Challenge International Wine Competition (USA) 2019**

### Winery notes (2017 Vintage)

"Lioness of McLaren Vale is sourced from Angus and Helen Tuck's vineyard located in the subregion of Bakers Gully. Here mature Shiraz vines populate or perish, in the ironstone pebble laden clay loam, over ancient Kurrajong Formation geology, a silica cemented conglomerate most suited to grow Shiraz.

After hand picking whole bunches of our Lioness of McLaren Vale in mid-March our winemaker Elena Brooks let the whole bunches ferment together in open top fermenters with ambient yeasts and hand plunging for 12 days, before basket pressing into some new (20%) but predominately older French Oak barriques, to the mature for a

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further 18 months in the same oak, before bottling without fining or filtration to capture the essence of the vineyard. Although ready to drink the Lioness of McLaren Vale will also reward cellaring and decanting.

Aromas of white chocolate and the best cocoa you can buy. Boysenberry, blackberry - both ripe but fine; then smells of wild strawberries and their foliage, with mulberry and cherry also in the air. In this youthful stage of its life, it really is all about the aromatics.

Here we find a natural partnership between the powdery, fine, dry and happy tannins of well-grown Shiraz with the intense, coiled power of pure McLaren Vale fruit. The tannins rest in the background with the acid keeping the blackberry, plum and wild raspberry fruit flavours well-puckered. The back palate and aftertaste become more elegant and refreshing, giving the wine real harmony."

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**95/100 James Halliday's Wine Companion 2019 (2017 Vintage)**

"It combines heft with restraint and that's its key. Black coal, redcurrant, blackberry and clove flavours announce the presence of a big wine, but from there it just keeps the flow going, the party on track. No fireworks, no overreaching, no embarrassing leaps into the pool, and all the better for it. This is a hearty red wine to sit down and settle in with."

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