HICKINBOTHAM

CLARENDON VINEYARD

Hickinbotham Clarendon Vineyard covers a steep cut of country from the ridgetops above the village of Clarendon to the Onkaparinga River in the gorge below. Since its establishment in 1971, the Hickinbotham Vineyard has become a part of Australia's wine heritage, supplying fruit to produce many of Australia's greatest wines. Breathing new life into this historic vineyard, winemakers Chris Carpenter and Peter Fraser are forging a new era of Hickinbotham's prestigious legacy: building upon and honouring the vineyard's acclaimed pedigree.

THE PEAKE

CABERNET SHIRAZ

McLAREN VALE

— 2017 —

2017 was a cooler year in McLaren Vale. The carryover from the 2016 rains into a perfect spring and then a cooler ripening season was ideal for Bordeaux varieties that need time on the vine to develop phenolic flavor rather than sugar, while maintaining acidity and structure. The richness of the shiraz fills out the power of the Cabernet Sauvignon in this blend as dark chocolate, blackberry, shiraz spice and screaming minerality carry this wine.

CRAFTING THE WINE

Cabernet Sauvignon Blocks 315-316 (60%), Shiraz Blocks 221 & 222 (40%)

A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (60%) and Shiraz (40%). Sourced from 1971 (100%) planted estate blocks. All batches were fermented separately and blended prior to bottling. These batches of Cabernet and Shiraz represent the pinnacle wines from the Estate, our vision is to produce a seamless integration of the best of both varieties, with great aging potential; the winemaking follows suit from the previous vintages. Rack and returned three times during the maturation of 15 months 100% new oak, Shiraz Burgundy coopered French oak, Cabernet Bordeaux coopered French oak.

WINEMAKER

Chris Carpenter & Peter Fraser

HARVESTED

Shiraz: 4th April, 2017 | Cabernet Sauvignon: 6th April, 2017

DETAILS

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Shiraz

Alcohol: 14% | TA: 6.2 | pH: 3.58 | 120 cases

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