McLAREN VALE

The Peake

CABERNET SHIRAZ

2019
VINTAGE

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.

VINTAGE & WINE NOTES

2019 began with a very dry winter and spring, followed by record-breaking heat and dry conditions throughout the summer. Conditions like these are challenging for shoot growth, however the silver lining is a low risk of vine disease. The warm growing season resulted in a condensed harvest with low yields. The fruit showed great concentration of flavour with marked acidity and freshness. The Shiraz blocks averaged 6.5 tonnes per hectare and 4.5 tonnes per hectare for the Cabernet Sauvignon.

The 2019 vintage of The Peake expresses aromas of blueberry pie, Asian spices, vanilla and pain grillé; with the whole package following through on the palate with flavours of dark chocolate covered espresso beans. Fine tannins and balanced acidity contribute to a lingering finish.

WINEMAKING

The winemaking follows much of the same regime as for the Brooks Road Shiraz and Trueman Cabernet Sauvignon batches. The best blocks and barrel selections are chosen for this traditional Australian blend. The two varieties were hand-picked, destemmed and fermented separately. Berries were cold soaked and pumped over daily with a minimum of 17 days on skins. The free run went directly to barrel and no pressings were included in the Shiraz. The Cabernet matured for 15 months in fine-grained Bordeaux barrels while a mixture of puncheons and barriques were used for the Shiraz. The finest lots from each variety were selected and blended together shortly before bottling.

WINEMAKERS

Chris Carpenter & Peter Fraser

HARVEST DATES

Shiraz: Blocks 200 & 300 | 3–7 March, 2019
Cabernet Sauvignon: Blocks 200 & 300 | 14 –15 March, 2019

STATISTICS

53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 47% Shiraz
Alcohol: 14.5% | TA: 6.4 | pH: 3.61

ACCLAIM

97 points – Joe Czerwinski, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate,* August 2021
97 points – Campbell Mattinson, *The Wine Front,* August 2021
96 points – Ned Goodwin, *Halliday Wine Companion,* August 2021
96 points – Huon Hooke, *The Real Review,* March 2021

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