

# VELVET GLOVE SHIRAZ



## 2018 Tech Sheet



**MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT**  
*Our guarantee of quality*

**Required: 95%+ Actual: 95%**

Marquis Fruit Weight™ is the percentage of your palate (from the tip of your tongue going all the way back) that's covered by the velvety sensation of fruit, before you experience any of the structural components of the wine.

### Vineyard:

McLaren Vale:  
Gateway

Sustainably Grown  
Picked: 27<sup>th</sup> Mar

Barrel fermented and matured:  
100% American oak  
100% new

Alc/Vol: 16%  
Residual sugar: 0.7 (G/F)  
pH: 3.62

RRP: \$195

Vegan Friendly

### What is **Velvet Glove**?

The wine that wraps your entire palate in a 'Velvet Glove' of amazing fruit flavours that last forever.

### Vintage Report

Starting early March, the 2018 Vintage can be defined by the even ripening that lead to great fermentation conditions. The grapes came into the winery at a steady pace with excellent colour and breadth of flavour shown as soon as the fruit was first crushed. Ferments were easily controlled allowing efficient extraction of tannins and flavours from the skins during pump-overs. Malolactic fermentation moved quickly during the oak maturation phase to reveal the intensity and depth of character of the wines which will be the hallmark of 2018 Vintage.

### Winemaker Tasting Notes

Dense, dark and brooding in the glass, the 2018 Velvet Glove is complex and opulent. Black plum, blueberries and roasted coffee intermingle with anise in its lifted fragrance. A supremely smooth mouthfeel like molten chocolate accentuates the precise balance of structure and expresses deep flavours of berries, whilst liquorice and allspice linger on the palate. 2018 has produced a Velvet Glove of incredible eminence and elegance that is truly the pinnacle of Mollydooker Wines.

### Awards

2018	WA 96; WS 95
2017	WA 96; WS 94; Winestate 4.5 stars
2016	WA 95; WS 93; Winestate 5 stars
2014	WS 96 and No.1 Shiraz in the \$100-\$200 Category; Winestate 4.5 stars
2013	WS 95; Winestate 4.5 stars
2012	WS 98 and Hot Wine; WA 97; Winestate 4 stars
2011	WA 97 and #1 Top Aus Wine; WS 96 and Hot Wine; Winestate 4.5 stars
2010	WA 97; WS 96 and Classic Wine
2009	WA 97+; WS 96 and Classic Wine
2007	WA 98; WS 96 and Classic Wine
2006	WA 99; WS 97 and Classic Wine