



## THE BOXER SHIRAZ

### 2015 Tech Sheet



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

**Required: 65% - 70% Actual: 70%**  
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.

#### Vineyards

McLaren Vale:

Mollydooker Home, Chapel Hill, Semmens,  
Coppermine Road, Gateway, Long Gully Road,  
Fragos, Ryans Road, Seaview, Reedy Creek,  
Hawthorn Ridge, Booths & Mongrel Hill  
Langhorne Creek:  
Birchmore & Joppich  
Currency Creek:  
Shaw

Sustainably Grown

Picked 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – 21<sup>st</sup> April

Barrel fermented and matured:  
100% American oak  
43% new; 42% 1yr old; 15% 2yr old

Alc/Vol: 16%  
Residual sugar: 3.2  
pH: 3.63

RRP: \$28

#### Who is **The Boxer**?

The very first person to taste this wine said  
"It's a knockout!" so we named it  
The Boxer. Did you notice he is a double  
Mollydooker?

#### Vintage Report

Vintage began slightly earlier than usual on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February and went on to be one of our most exciting and challenging vintages to date. An unseasonably dry spring produced an early budburst and still conditions gave the fruit a chance to set in beautifully. Heat spikes in January followed by 11 days over 35°C/95°F in the first 23 days of February, meant that careful monitoring of the vine's health using the Marquis Vineyard Watering Programme™ was integral in producing high quality grapes.

Despite the seasonal challenges, we harvested a total of 1026.24 tonnes and processed 72 individual parcels of fruit. Due to our scrupulous Fruit Weight™ guidelines and our commitment to excellence, this year's fruit did not achieve the required Fruit Weight™ necessary to make the Enchanted Path, Carnival of Love and Velvet Glove. On the bright side, this meant that some incredible fruit was used to make our 2015 Lefty and Family wines. Combining quality fruit with some very clever and methodical winemaking, the results are simply outstanding.

#### Winemaker Tasting Notes

This powerful wine is vibrant, complex and jam packed with a kaleidoscope of flavours. Chocolate, plum and liquorice just to name a few; all beautifully wrapped in bright berry fruit on the mid-palate. Subtle oak elements and flawless tannins, intertwine with the fruit ever so gracefully. This Shiraz finishes with a persistent length and is an absolute joy to drink.

#### Awards

2014	WS 93; Winestate 4 stars
2013	WS 91
2012	Winestate 5 stars
2011	Winestate 4 stars
2010	WA 91; Winestate 4 stars
2009	WA 91; WS 90
2008	WS 91 and 'Best Buy of the Week'; WA 91
2007	WA 93; WS 90 and "Editor's Most Exciting New Wines"
2006	WA 94 and 'Excellent Value under \$25'; WS 90 and 'Top Value Wine'
2005	WA 95 and 'Best Buy under \$20'; WS 91

Voted #1 in 2012 Snooth People's Voice Awards 'Super Premium Shiraz Category'

Voted #2 in 2008, 2009 and 2010 in Wine & Spirits' Most Popular Shiraz on American Wine Lists