



2016 Tech Sheet

Vintage Report

2016 was Mollydooker's biggest vintage to date, with a total 1437 tonne of grapes crushed and into barrel. Budburst was a week later than usual, but veraison and harvesting were generally right on cue, despite several heat spikes (up to 42°C) early in the season.

To handle the extra fruit we decided to increase our fermentation capacity in the winery, this meant that a lot of work needed to be completed before the fruit arrived. Much thought and a whole lot of manpower went into creating four new temperature controlled 10 tonne fermenters. The tanks were installed just one week before the fruit arrived, phew!

Our first pick was our McLaren Vale Verdelho in the third week of February. The last time we made The Violinist Verdelho was in 2013, so it was exciting to see its return in 2016. The arrival of all our red grapes were fortunately well spaced out, which allowed the winemakers ample space to handle the fruit in the winery. During March and April the weather remained mild which was perfect for grape maturation, allowing the flavour and Fruit Weight™ to consistently increase week by week. The ferments were well behaved and finished off beautifully in barrel, allowing early oak integration and added complexity in the wines.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

The 2016 Blue Eyed Boy is dense in color with vibrant dark purple hues. A complex, alluring and lifted nose of blueberry, dark cherry, caramel and hints of vanilla bean leap from the glass. Powerful yet delicate, the wine voices luscious layers of fresh berries, black pepper, coffee and a finishing note of chocolate cream. Full bodied, well defined tannins provide the backbone, as the wine fills the mouth and continues to evolve with every glass poured.

Awards

- 2015 WS 91
- 2014 WS 93; Winestate 5 stars
- 2013 WS 92; Winestate 5 stars; Huon Hooke 92 & #4 of 47 in McLaren Vale
- 2012 WA 91+; WS 92; Silver Medal in the New York International Wine Competition
- 2011 WA 91; WS 92; Winestate 4 stars
- 2010 WA 93; WS 91; Winestate 4 stars
- 2009 WA 92; WS 91
- 2007 WA 95; WS 92 and Editor's Most Exciting New Wine



MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT

Our guarantee of quality

Required: 75% - 80% Actual: 79%

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:

Coppermine Road, Long Gully Road & Mollydooker Home

Sustainably Grown

Picked 15th April – 23rd April

Barrel fermented and matured:

100% American oak;

58% new; 42% one year old

Alc/Vol: 15.5%

Residual sugar: 2.8

pH: 3.57

RRP: \$50

Vegan Friendly

Who is the **Blue Eyed Boy**?

The Blue Eyed Boy is Sarah and Sparky's son, Luke. Stomping grapes as a kid and now working in the vineyards.