

# CARNIVAL OF LOVE SHIRAZ



## 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 Carnival of Love is an opulent celebration of McLaren Vale Shiraz. Fresh aromas of raspberry and plum, with hints of earthiness, create the intense nose, while the palate provides a full spectrum of flavours from cherry to mocha and spice. Exhibiting poise and balance, the lovely hints of oak reside as an undercurrent of fine tannins and subtle vanilla. The soft mouthfeel creates the sense of melted chocolate, yet the lingering finish of berry compote brings the wine to where Shiraz excels.

### Awards

- 2016 Winestate 4 stars
- 2014 WS 95 and #30 Wine in the World; Winestate 5 stars
- 2013 WS 93; Winestate 4.5 stars
- 2012 WS 95 and #2 Wine in the World; WA 95; Winestate's Wine of the Year for 2014
- 2011 WS 94; WA 93+; Winestate 4.5 stars
- 2010 WA 95; WS 94
- 2009 WS 94 and Hot Wine; WA 93
- 2007 WA 96; WS 95 and 9<sup>th</sup> Best Wine in the World
- 2006 WA 97; WS 95 and 8<sup>th</sup> Best Wine in the World
- 2005 WA 99; WS 94



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

**Required: 85% - 90% Actual: 88 %**

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:  
Gateway,  
McLaren Vale

Sustainably Grown  
Picked 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April

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

Alc/Vol: 15.5%  
Residual sugar: 3.6  
pH: 3.56

RRP: \$75

Vegan Friendly

What is **Carnival of Love**?  
This is as life should be - a Carnival of Love.  
A place where everyone wants to be and  
no one wants to leave.