

ALPHA CRUCIS

MCLAREN VALE

TASTING NOTE: 2016 TITAN SHIRAZ



VINEYARD SOURCE: Sourced from our Chalk Hill, Wits End and Slate Creek vineyards with a vine age of 25-45 years of age. All vineyards are low yielding.

COLOUR: Deep purple red with Crimson hues

AROMA: Lifted nose of dark berries, some licorice, spice and coffee notes.

TASTE: A vibrant and fruit driven wine, it has layers of dark berry fruit, that combine with spice, coffee and anise. The finish is long and lingering with a hint of roasted nuts.

CELLARING: Will cellar well for 5-7 years or more.

WINEMAKER NOTES: Whilst coming from 3 vineyards, we had different 8 parcels of fruit from these vineyards. They were all handled separately throughout the process. The fruit spent 8-10 days on skins and had a gentle fermentation before being transferred to a combination of new and older French Oak barrels. New oak made up 20%, with the remainder being 2nd and 3rd use barrels. The blending of the wine is critical to ensure the wine is balanced, complex and full of flavour.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW: 2016 was an excellent vintage. It produced shiraz fruit with a high natural acidity which has ensured the wine is naturally vibrant. A long and warm summer meant we were able to harvest in near perfect conditions.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

ALC: 14.5%

