



MADE FOR STEAK

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PREMIUM CUT CABERNET SAUVIGNON SHIRAZ 2016



Our winemaking team has respect for traditional winemaking techniques, yet is also dynamic and imaginative. Pepperjack winemakers are conscious of modern wine styles and create wines that reflect our passion for this special region.

After crushing and destemming, the parcels of fruit were fermented separately in traditional style fermenters. The wines were gently pressed, racked and transferred to seasoned and new oak barrels for 15 months maturation before blending and bottling.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS: RICHARD MATTNER

VINEYARD REGION South Australian (Langhorne Creek 53.9%, McLaren Vale 46.1%)

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The growing season for 2015/16 began with well below average winter and spring rainfall. September was cool with daily temperatures below average, this combined with low rainfall meant the vine shoots grew slowly in early spring. Three consecutive months of warmer and drier than average conditions demanded earlier irrigation than the vines would normally require. Rain in late January and early February broke the dry spring with the dry sub soils swallowed up the rain, while freshening canopies and filling out berry size. Mild weather during the final ripening period provided ideal conditions for full flavour development and allowed for picking at optimum ripeness

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Harvest Date:

February to April, 2016

pH: 3.63

Acidity: 6.6g/l

Alcohol: 15.0%

Residual Sugar: 1.0g/L

Bottling Date: August 2017

Peak Drinking:

This wine can be enjoyed now, but will also improve with careful cellaring.

GRAPE VARIETY Cabernet Sauvignon (62.7%), Shiraz (37.3%)

MATURATION

This wine is matured in a combination of seasoned and new oak barrels for 15 months.

COLOUR

Rich, dark brick red.

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The nose shows lifted leafy earthy notes and a rich concentration of dark cherries, blackberries and chocolate

PALATE

The palate has flavours of dark fruits with hints of plum, blackberry and red liquorice. Savoury earthy notes and hints of oak balance out the grainy tannins that give the palate a long even finish.