

Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



Kangarilla Road 2016 The Devil's Whiskers Shiraz

The Devil's Whiskers are the two little marks that appear around the top lips of some people when they drink red wine – even just one glass.

Winter in 2015 was dry and although its rain volume was near normal the Spring of 2015 was very dry. The 2016 Vintage started a few days earlier than ever before in late January. February was very mild, there were only a few days over 30 degrees and nights were cold. Parts of March were ideal combining warm days with cool nights, so concentration grew and the colours were strong.

This Shiraz was fermented in an open fermenter with floating cap management with four cap turnovers per day. The wine was gently pressed at dryness and aged for 18 months in new French oak hogsheads.

Total Acidity g/1L	6.5
Alcohol %	14.5
pH	3.3
Bottling Date	February 2018
Winemaker	Kevin O'Brien

This Shiraz was sourced from two vineyards, one located in the gateway to McLaren Vale together with fruit from Maslin's Beach (located very close to the Gulf St. Vincent at the south-western end of McLaren Vale). The gateway sourced Shiraz has lovely structure giving solid backbone to the wine with intense mid to back palate presence, the Maslin's portion contributes chalky tannins and minerality.

Delicious rich dark plums envelop your senses but still allow aromas of deeply perfumed dark red roses and an inviting hint of candied orange chocolate.

The palate is all about the endlessly smooth dark berries including mulberries and blackberries. A suggestion of high cocoa chocolate enhances the gently spiced beautifully integrated French oak.

Drink now – 15 years

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