

# Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



## Kangarilla Road 2017 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.

There were healthy winter rains and plenty of spring rains that set the vines up very well. There was a later than usual start to harvest with long, slow ripening periods resulting in grapes with great depth of flavour. The intermittent summer rains stopped in mid-January, so disease pressure was low. It was very dry from February to April, with only a few millimetres of rain. Days were mild with a lot of cool nights. Overall it was a great vintage with minimal disease pressure and above average crop levels.

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.

<b>Total Acidity g/1L</b>	6.5
<b>Alcohol %</b>	14.5
<b>pH</b>	3.6
<b>Bottling Date</b>	June 2018
<b>Winemaker</b>	Kevin O'Brien

This Shiraz was sourced from a vineyard located in the gateway to McLaren Vale. The fruit from this vineyard has lovely structure giving solid backbone to the wine with intense mid to back palate presence.

Expensive and delicious expressions of fragrant spice celebrate the dark stylishly elegant Single Vineyard fruit.

Dark berry conserve takes central stage on your palate and there are suggestions of a slight citrus note reminiscent of dehydrated blood oranges. There is seemingly endless dark velvety fruit entwined with spice which linger carried by elegant fine tannins.

**Drink now – 15 years**