OLIVER'S TARANGA VINEYARDS

M53
2016 McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ

HISTORY

M53 is the original horse and cattle brand used by our ancestors on the 'Taranga' property in the 1880's. Back then it marked our finest herd, now it marks our finest wine. Released only in exceptional vintages, the M53 is a rare beast and made in tiny volumes.

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was a low-cropping one, and this resulted in exceptional intensity of flavour, and a spectacular follow up to the Halliday 97 pointed 2014 vintage M53 release.

AROMA

Blackberry jam with cream on toast, quince, smoky bacon, mulberry, tar, dark chocolate, pepper spice. Incredibly densely packed aroma. Layers and layers.

PALATE

Super textured, creamy mouthfeel. Flows like silk. All the black fruits, sweet spice, cherry cola, rum & raisin chocolate, a touch of char. Long lingering fine tannins. Full flavoured and deliciously satisfying.

OAK TREATMENT & VOLUME

2 French Hogsheads 100% new.

WINEMAKER

Corrina

Corrina Wright,
6th Generation

GRAPE VARIETY

100% Shiraz

COLOUR

Deep maroon

ALCOHOL

14.5 %

CELLARING

15+ years

JAMES HALLIDAY REVIEW

Two hogsheads of new French Oak (Mercurey and Remond) the total make. Wow. The colour is inky deep, yet vibrant on the rim, and the expressive bouquet is swamped by the tsunami of luscious blackberry fruit that retains shape and balance against the odds, and has flourished with the aid of the oak. The screwcap make this a 50 year wine. *Rated : 96 points, James Halliday (2010 Vintage)*

Hand-picked from the Old Block (re-)planted '48, destemmed, crushed, 3 days cold soak, wild yeast open-fermented, matured in (three) new French hogsheads. Only made in exceptional years, this the second release ('10). Pre-fermentation maceration is one of the keys to a beautifully cadenced wine, almost polished so supple is the fruit and tannin profile. There's no sense of alcohol intrusion, seemingly less than 14.5%. The French oak has paid its way many times over. *97 points, James Halliday (2014)*

M53 VINTAGES:

2010, 2014, 2016

BARRELS MADE: 2

BLOCK: Old Block