



# M53

## 2018 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

2018 is one of the vintages of the century. Perfect ripening, good solid crops, strong winter rain and lack of heat waves made it pretty near perfect!

### AROMA

Blackberry jam with cream on toast, caramelised quince, sweet oak, violet, rose and sage florals, candied orange peel, spice and dried herb. Very expressive, yet understated and creating an incredible sensory experience.

### PALATE

Rich mulberry pie, chocolate and spices. Sweet cola and vanillan oak frames a super textured, creamy mouthfeel that keeps on giving. Sublimely integrated full flavours dance over the palate. Loads to love here.

### OAK TREATMENT & VOLUME

3 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

Made only in exceptional vintages from Old Block fruit, just a few scant barrels. A deep crimson. A waft of quintessential warm-climate shiraz scents: freshly polished leather, varnish, dark-fruit aspersions, coffee grind, cedar and blueberry and cream. Avuncular. Like sinking into a worn armchair. The new French hogsheads are buried by the sheer depth of fruit and extract. Powerful, sure. But not too heavy. The natural tannins, massaged. A smooth ride with a long road ahead.  
95 points James Halliday Wine Companion (2016 vintage)

### M53 VINTAGES:

2010, 2014, 2016, 2018

BARRELS MADE: 3

BLOCK: *Old Block*