

# BEKKERS

*a story of soil + soul*



Bekkers Wine is the winemaking project of respected viticulturist Toby Bekkers and his French-born wife and winemaker Emmanuelle. Few can claim a more extensive understanding of McLaren Vale.

***"Nothing we have seen overseas has diminished our conviction that McLaren Vale is capable of producing unique, world-class wines and we aim to be an emblem for the region."***

## **2018 Bekkers, McLaren Vale Syrah**

Our quest to create a fine wine beacon for McLaren Vale means attention to the smallest details. Vineyard parcels are selected from our 'artist's palette'- the landscape of McLaren Vale- to capture aromatic spice, elegance and soft, silky texture; all underpinned by the generous flavours of McLaren Vale.

A blend of three vineyards. In the cellar, an average of 25% whole bunches are added to the fermenter and the remaining fruit is gently destemmed (not crushed) and sorted to remove any shrivelled berries. Cold soaked for 5 days prior to the beginning of natural fermentation (no yeast added.) Gentle, cool fermentation minimises over-extraction. Basket pressed to oak after 15-20 days fermentation. Matured in a mixture of new (58%) and older (42%) French oak puncheons (500L). Aged on fine lees with minimal sulphur additions. Bottled December 2019 sans filtration. Screw cap | 14.0% abv.

Wine style objective: Soft, fine, silky texture. Dark/red fruit flavour profile accompanied by attractive spice. Purposefully made to avoid overt, syrupy concentration or oversue of oak. Capture McLaren Vale intensity; tempered by silky texture, elegance and spice characters.

We believe that the textural element holds the key to fine wine.

***"A TRULY GREAT MCLAREN VALE SYRAH..."***

**James Halliday. 99 pts.**

***"BEST BOTTLE OF MCLAREN VALE SHIRAZ IN MY LIFE."***

**Rob Geddes, MW.**

**5 STAR WINERY**

**Halliday.**

***"IF YOU LOVE MCLAREN VALE – IT IS WORTH GETTING ON THE BEKKERS TRAIN RIGHT HERE"***

**Angus Hughson, Wine Pilot. 96 pts.**

***"THIS IS ONE OF THOSE 'YOU COULD CELLAR THIS FOR JUST ABOUT EVER' WINES."***

**Campbell Mattinson, Winefront. 95 pts.**