

VI Langton's Classification of Australian Wines

Kay Brothers Block 6 Shiraz is classified in the Langton's Classification of Australian Wine. This is a benchmark of Australian wine investment. The Classification is a ranking of Australia's best performing wines based on market demand and vintages made. These are Australia's blue-chip investment wines. The sixth edition includes 139 wines: Exceptional (21), Outstanding (53) and Excellent (65).

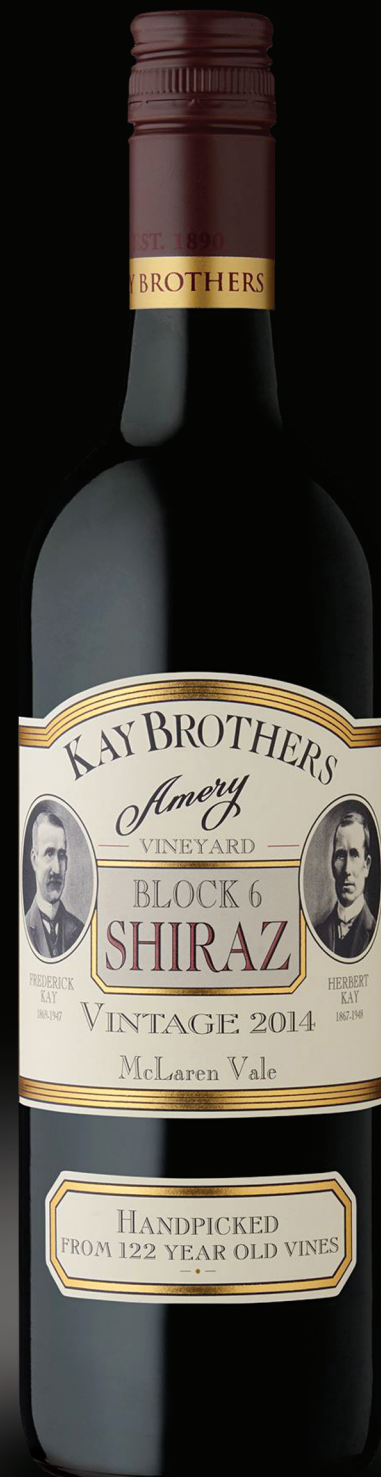
OUTSTANDING

The Outstanding category comprises the essence of the Australian ultrafine wine scene. These classic wines represent the pinnacle of genre or evoke an enduring standard; wines that demonstrate individual winemaking philosophy, single-vineyard expression, old-vine heritage, regional classicism and house style.

The east-facing Block 6 Shiraz vineyard was planted with cuttings from Hardy's Tintara vineyard in 1892 by Herbert and Frederick Kay. The 1.6-hectare Block 6, which forms part of the Kay Brothers' larger 22-hectare Amery Vineyards, was originally a 'pumpkin patch' of old bush-vines. In 1984 Cuthbert and Colin Kay vinified the Block 6 Shiraz fruit separately, and since then it has become Kay Brothers' signature wine. The entire, low-yielding vineyard is trellised in a north-south direction. The soils are relatively fertile with a mosaic of red loams, heavy clays and gravelly, alluvial soils. Indeed, soil structures across this vineyard are so varied that harvested 'fruit profiles' are noticeably different each vintage. With so many winemaking options the sum of the vineyard's parts has led to naturally-balanced wines, with no need for winemaking artifice.

The Block 6 fruit is hand-picked and batch-vinified in three to five tonne, traditional, open fermenters originally built by Herbert and Frederick in 1895-6. Some parcels are hand-plunged while others are fermented under header-boards. At completion of fermentation the wine is drained and basket-pressed into a combination of one-third each new, one-year-old and two-year-old American and eastern European oak. Maturation takes place for 18 to 24 months before assemblage and bottling under screw-cap. Kay Brothers Block 6 Shiraz is based on traditional winemaking practices and an historic vineyard site. This is a powerful, concentrated cellaring style with plenty of fruit richness, chocolaty tannins and underlying malty oak.

TOP VINTAGES: 2012, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2005, 2004, 2002, 2001, 1998, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1992, 1990, 1985.





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2013 Block 6 Shiraz



2013 Hillside Shiraz



2014 Basket Pressed Shiraz



2014 Basket Pressed Grenache

94+ POINTS
2013 Block 6 Shiraz

94 POINTS
2013 Hillside Shiraz

90+ POINTS
2014 Basket Pressed Shiraz

"This wine is so consistently good year in and year out, I love it."

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Editor-In-Chief

Block 6 Shiraz - SIGNATURE



Hillside Shiraz - RESERVE



Cuthbert Cabernet Sauvignon - RESERVE



Basket Pressed Range



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