



Herbert 'HJ' Oliver
McLaren Vale.

HJ

2017 HJ RESERVE SHIRAZ

HISTORY

This is the sixteenth release of our Langtons Classified HJ Reserve Shiraz. HJ is picked from the very best parcels of old vine Shiraz on the Taranga vineyard– it has been barrel selected and bottle aged for optimum enjoyment. Named after our grandfather Herbert John 'HJ' Oliver, we know he would be very proud of his namesake wine.

VINTAGE

2017 was a year where we had some magnificent rains during spring, so the soil profiles were full to the brim come budburst. This meant we had a bumper crop year, with a long slow ripening period. A great follow up to the Halliday 95 pointed 2016 vintage.

AROMA

Chocolate pudding, blackberry pie, mocha spice and vanilla oak.

PALATE

Savoury spice, mocha and plummy sweetness through the palate. Full flavoured, the tannins are silky and integrated, with sage and black currant characters, framing this more restrained vintage of McLaren Vale Shiraz.

OAK TREATMENT

30% new French oak, 20 months in barrel

REGION

Taranga vineyard, McLaren Vale. Sourced from the 'Old Block', planted by HJ Oliver in 1948.

WINEMAKER

Corrina

Corrina Wright, 6th Generation

GRAPE VARIETY

100% SHIRAZ

COLOUR

Deep maroon

ALCOHOL

14.5%

CELLARING

Drink now to 2030



WHAT THE WRITERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE 2016 VINTAGE

3 days cold soak, open-fermented, matured for 24 months in French hogsheads (35% new). Clever packaging, with a bottle number (no total) and planting date ('48). Archetypal full-bodied McLaren Vale shiraz, deeply coloured and densely packed with black fruits, dark chocolate, licorice and ripe, balanced tannins.

James Halliday 95 points

HERBERT 'HJ' OLIVER

GENERATION

4th

BORN

1922