

DANDELION VINEYARDS

2016 Lioness of the McLaren Vale Shiraz

Tasting Notes

Deep purple with hints of violet on the edges, indicating youth. Impressive purity of fruit showing lush scents of summer pudding with lifted red fruits, berries and a hit of cinnamon. Black cherries, Damson plums, mulberries and milk chocolate undertones. Generous mouth filling sweet blackberry, raspberry and plums cover the palate with lashings of sweet spice.

Technical Data

Varietal: 100% Shiraz
Alcohol: 14.5%
Total Acidity: 6.46g/L
pH: 3.55
Region: Barossa, Adelaide, Australia

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Rated 91, Natalie MacLean, August 28, 2018

"These winemakers see the devil in the weeds, allowing dandelions to grow among the vine as they suppress other weeds and provide nutritious mulch. The "wishing clocks" of white seed in the spring provide new life. The Shiraz grapes are sourced from a single vineyard in the foothills of the McLaren Vale. The vines are planted in ironstone pebble laden with clay loam, over ancient Kurrajong Formation geology of silica cemented conglomerate ideally suited to grow Shiraz. Full-bodied, robust and rustic with full-throttle black fruit, smoke, oak and spice aromas. Polished tannins and a long finish. This single vineyard Australian red wine is made from the Shiraz grape. Bunches are hand-picked in mid-March and fermented together in open top fermenters with ambient yeast and hand plunging for 12 days before basket pressing and aging in mostly French oak barriques before bottling without fining. Decant 1 hour and pair with rare steak."

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Rated 90, Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, November 17, 2018

"Dark cherry/berry fruit and mixed spice aromas coalesce on the nose of this full bodied well-textured Aussie shiraz. It showers a rich flow of bramble berry, mulberry, peppery spice and sweet vanilla on the palate persisting from first drop to the balanced, delightful aftertaste. This is good to go now and on to 2026. It's particularly tasty paired with grilled rack of lamb."

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**Rated 89 & Best Buy, Tony Aspler, vintageassessment.com,
November 24, 2018**

"Spicy, herbal, blackberry nose with vanilla oak notes; full-bodied, dry, fruity but firm with lively acidity."

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**Rated 88.5 & Recommended, Michael Vaughan, vintageassessment.com,
November 24, 2018**

"Deep intense purple colour. Intense, spicy, juicy, cedary, sweetish, ripe plum-black cherry puree nose. Fairly dry, medium-full bodied, well structured, fairly dense, rather juicy, sweetish, ripe plum-black cherry puree flavours with a lingering, bright, cedary, fairly high acid finish."

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**Rated Platinum \$ Best Shiraz Trophy,
San Diego International Wine & Spirit, 2017**

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Rated Gold, AWC Vienna, 2017

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