

## ECLIPSE, NOON

Vintage

2015



Noon Eclipse is produced predominately from Grenache (80%+), with smaller components of Shiraz and Graciano, from Noon's McLaren Vale estate vineyards.

### TASTING NOTE

From grapes grown at McLaren Vale on the Winery Block, Almond Block and BJ's Block. The aroma combines perfumed fruit and earth scents. The wine is full bodied and concentrated on the palate and yet there is remarkable restraint and balance too. Firm tannins provide an authoritative finish. 90% Grenache, 3% Shiraz and 7% Graciano.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

A dry winter and especially dry spring combined with well above average temperatures to have the vines growing very rapidly and advanced in their maturity at all stages following budburst. Even so, the speed of the final stages of ripening caught everyone by surprise. The temperature dropped for the first month of summer and everything slowed down, then a very hot first week of January (reaching 42°C on January 2nd) was followed by an unusually cool and cloudy one, along with 46mm of rainfall! This gave the vines a much needed drink, so when the weather turned hot again in February, the grapes ripened very rapidly.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
16.0	0.5
pH	Acidity
3.56	6.4

### VINIFICATION DETAILS

The grapes are picked by hand and fermented in small open vats with manual pigeage, to help extract colour and tannins. Pressing is also done by hand, using small basket presses which are gentle and do not extract too much bitterness or astringency. Noon Eclipse is matured in small 300 litre French and American oak barrels and large (foudre and demi-muid sized) oak casks for 18 months. There is only a small percentage of new oak used (about 5-10%) normally just for maturing the Shiraz portion of the wine. The wine is then bottled on the estate without fining or filtration.

### ATTRIBUTES



Origin

Australia



Variety

Red Blend



Malolactic Fermentation

Yes



Bottle Size

75cl



Vegetarian

Blank



Winemaker

Drew Noon



Fining Agent



Closure

Screw top



Region

McLaren Vale



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