



# METAL LABEL THE BLACK SHIRAZ

*Forged from the Limestone Coast, our Metal Label range refines standalone varietals into something exceptional.*

## Harvest Report 2016

Good winter rainfall was a perfect start to the growing season. Above average temperatures resulted in early budburst with most varieties. The mild to warm and dry conditions continued with good rainfall in both November and December producing ideal conditions for veraison. February saw the arrival of hot dry conditions and ripening accelerated quickly meaning the reds were harvested a little earlier. The 2016 reds stand out with rich, ripe and juicy characteristics with great length and depth of color.

## Tasting Notes

The black Shiraz is an extreme example of the Australian style Shiraz with deep color and aromas of blackberry and plum over toasty coffee and spicy oak. The palate is intense with rich plum, blueberry and mocha notes. The tannins are ripe and dense allowing for great structure and a long finish.

<b>Composition:</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>Harvest:</b>	By Hand
<b>Vintage:</b>	March, 2016
<b>Region:</b>	Limestone Coast
<b>Sub-Regions:</b>	Coonawarra, Padthaway
<b>Maceration:</b>	Yes
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Selected yeasts, 65—75°F, 6 days
<b>Malolactic:</b>	Yes
<b>Aging:</b>	3 months in French Oak
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.9%
<b>pH:</b>	3.47
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	6.73 g/L
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	4.50 g/L

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