

# PAXTON

JONES BLOCK  
SHIRAZ  
McLAREN VALE  
2016



At Paxton Wines, we have been nurturing our family owned vineyards in McLaren Vale, South Australia, since 1979. We are leaders in organic and biodynamic winemaking.

David Paxton (Viticulturist) and Richard Freebairn (Winemaker) have combined their decades of experience, and by embracing biodynamic and organic practices (fully certified since 2011), are producing the healthiest of vines.

Through the use of natural preparations and composts, the soil and vine are able to find the perfect balance. The end result is exceptionally pure and expressive fruit; exceptional wines.

VARIETY: 100% Shiraz

COLOUR: Deep crimson red with purple hues

AROMA: A bold drive of pepper spice and ripe mulberries with a toasted oak and bourbon punch.

PALATE: Full bodied wine with layers of secondary fruit flavours, a traditional style of winemaking where brilliant fruit meets luxurious and exquisite oak. A dense palate structure and beautifully integrated oak give this wine a fruit driven and fine grain tannin finish.

CELLARING: This wine can be enjoyed young, however, careful cellaring for 10-30 years will be rewarded.

VINTAGE: 2016 was a very strong year in McLaren Vale. After 6 months without rain, we had 40mm in the first week of February. This slowed down the baumes and allowed the acidity to catch up, therefore giving the fruit fantastic flavour equilibrium. Berry numbers were high due to an even veraison, which lead to the highest quality crops and tonnages this millennium.

VINIFICATION: Hand picked at optimum sugar and flavour equilibrium, the grapes were kept on skins for 15 days. The ferment was pumped over and plunged twice a day to extract colour, flavour and tannin structure. Once pressed, we used a combination of French and American oak barriques (40% new) for maturation of up to 22 months prior to blending and bottling. This wine was cellared for a further 6 months prior to release.

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

pH: 3.44

TA: 6.82g/L

Total SO<sup>2</sup> : 86ppm



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