



**Bachelor's Block Ebenezer  
Shiraz, Barossa Valley 2016**

*'Deluxe packaging is the start, the vinification precisely reflected in the dark berries of the bouquet and the supple, medium-bodied palate. By both whole-bunch/ berry fermentation and French oak maturation, the tannins are relegated to the sidelines and told to keep quiet. An opulent wine in opulent packaging – no expense spared.'* Cork. 14.5% alc. To: 2046.



**Sands of Time Old  
Vine Single Vineyard  
Grenache, Blewitt  
Springs, McLaren  
Vale 2017**

*'From 80 yo vines, matured in French puncheons (25% new). A high class wine begging to be given as long as possible before a blind tasting with Chateau Rayas et al. It has the power and depth to its red and blue fruits, tamed by oak, set to develop another leg or two over the next 20 years. Classy tannins. Great package.'* Diam. 14.5% alc. To: 2037.



**Silken Beastie Shiraz,  
Nor'wester, Barossa Valley 2015**

*'90% Barossa Shiraz from Kalimna/ Koonuga/ Ebenezer, and 10% old bushvine Grenache from Blewitt Springs. Deep, although bright, crimson-purple, delicious red and black cherry, plum and blackberry fruits are handsomely framed by fine, ripe tannins and quality French oak. At the moment that oak needs to pull in its horns, but a couple of years will give it no alternative but to do just that.'* Screwcap. To: 2035.



**2016**

*'You get a lot of expensive wine in your mouth, so rich it seems viscous, with liqueur cherry (which isn't sweet) and finishes bright and fresh (like an Amontillado sherry, which likewise isn't sweet). And glory be, there's no sweet alcohol to deal with.'* Screwcap. 14.5% alc. To: 2027.



**Suilven Chardonnay,  
Adelaide Hills 2016**

*'Ultra-deluxe packaging. Leviathan bottle, high-quality cork (well, it costs more than a screwcap), and then my bête noire: the grey-black label with red font reads 'Bottle no. 313'. Of 314 or 5000 bottles? Stuff it, I do love the moody label. The wine? I'm very acid-tolerant, and always have been. This trembles on the brink.'* 13% alc. To: 2026.





**The Vagabond Old Vine Grenache, Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale 2017**

*'From old bushvines at Blewitt Springs, matured in a concrete egg and French puncheons (10% new). Ah, take one look at the crystal clear crimson hue and you'll know the wine comes from old vines in McLaren Vale. What is truly remarkable is the way the wine has soaked up the new French oak without raising a sweat. This is lovely.'* Screwcap. 14.5% alc. To: 2037.

**2016**

*'Although the alcohol is the same, this has more power, depth and drive than its Barossa Valley counterpart, which momentarily suggests higher alcohol. It's not, but it certainly needs more time, and will repay the patient in spades.'*



**She's Electric Old Vine Single Vineyard Grenache, McLaren Vale 2017**

*'A fragrant, pure bouquet and palate, both sending the same message – they're the starting point for this beautifully detailed wine. It's actually quite firm on the palate, but it comes from the fruit not the tannins, so it can be missed. The length and finish reveal just how complex the wine is.'* Screwcap. 13.5% alc. To: 2030.



**Advance Release Schuller Rd. Grenache, Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale 2017**

*'From 80yo dry-grown bushvines, 400 numbered bottles made. Very good bright purple-crimson hue: it is uninhibitedly juicy, flush with all the red berries you'd care to name. For the record, the wine is not the least reduced.'* Screwcap. 14.5% alc. To: 2027.



**Advance Release Smart Vineyard. Grenache, Clarendon, McLaren Vale 2017**

*'Has a darker fruit range than the Schuller Rd., and some tannins in the mix. Very good wine but with a slightly less good welcome mat.'* Screwcap. 14% alc. To: 2027.







**Our Fathers Shiraz, Barossa Valley  
2016**

*'Deep crimson-purple; many of the thumbprints of Bachelor's Block are repeated here, but with a lighter/scaled-down matrix. You don't need any encouragement to buy the wine, and the profits are donated to health charities (details from [www.ourfathers.co.uk](http://www.ourfathers.co.uk)). This is an elegant Barossa Shiraz in every respect, the balance perfect.'* Cork. 14% alc. To: 2036.

**2015**

*'An impressively packaged and made shiraz; the 40% whole bunch component has heightened the spicy elements of the wine whilst operating in tandem with the shiraz fruit flavours and quality oak.'* Cork. 14.5% alc. To: 2020.



**The Cunning Plan  
Shiraz, Langhorne  
Creek 2016**

*'The youthful colour has the depth to promise abundant black fruits, whole berry fermentation underlining the promise. It has the succulence of Langhorne Creek, but with a raft of flowery/spicy notes not so common in the region. Mocha oak adds another dimension, cuddling up to the plump tannins. Hedonistic? You bet.'*



**Thorny Devil Grenache,  
Barossa Valley 2017**

*'Very impressive. Still has power at 14% alcohol, and a consequent clarity of flavor in a full red and blue spectrum cosmetics, nor Turkish Delight. Well made.'* Screwcap. To: 2027.



**2016**

*'Light, bright crimson; the inclusion of 9% grenache from McLaren Vale has worked very well, for there's a touch more structure and spine than many Barossa Valley grenaches at this price. The red fruits that are the heart and soul of this wine are delicious.'*



**The Great Escape  
Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills  
2017**

Screwcap. To: 2019.

