



# Allegiance Wines Unity McLaren Vale Shiraz 2015

<b>Varieties</b>	Shiraz
<b>Region</b>	McLaren Vale, SA
<b>Wine making notes</b>	This is a very special expression of McLaren Vale Shiraz. The average vine age is approximately 50 years with some as old as 75 and 103 years. The wine was cold soaked for two days then seeded with lallamand yeast. Fermentation was open for 15 days and plunged 1-2 times daily. It was racked, settled and blended in September 2015 and then in a combination of oak until bottling in July 2017.
<b>Colour</b>	Deep brick red with a vibrant purple hue.
<b>Nose</b>	Aromas of spice and earthiness with rich dark plum fruit.
<b>Palate</b>	The palate is luscious and mouth filling with concentrated attractive dark berry fruit. The toasty oak characters marry perfectly with the intensity of this powerful wine. The classy tannins are velvety smooth with a long enthralling finish.
<b>Comments</b>	Allegiance Wines has sourced this premium parcel of Shiraz from the wine region of McLaren Vale. This wine is an excellent example of the outstanding results possible, when an allegiance between growers and winemakers creates their best expression of the varietal & vintage. Cellar potential of another 20+ years.
<b>Dedication</b>	<b>Shoulder to shoulder we stand with pride, love and unity</b> Journalist <b>Tony Keys</b> is one of Australian wine's strongest and most enthusiastic advocates. He writes <b>The Key Report</b> , an insightful weekly review of the international wine industry. Tony is a man widely admired for his honesty, integrity and passion: qualities that set him apart from many other wine journalists. He is amusing, annoying, a touch moody, and never afraid to say how it is, however painful that might be for those of us on the receiving end! In recent times, Tony has been struggling with a serious health condition. Though he had hoped for a lung transplant, this is now unlikely. Tony's dedication to the Australian wine community is greatly appreciated. His insights and commentary brighten our lives. And we really hope he enjoys this wine. <b>Andrew Caillard MW</b> Almost everyone can help others through organ and tissue donation. For more information go to: <a href="http://www.donatelife.gov.au">www.donatelife.gov.au</a>
<b>Awards</b>	<b>Double Gold Medal</b> – 2018 China Wine & Spirits Awards <b>Great Gold (95+)</b> – 2018 Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Comp <b>Great Gold (95+)</b> – 2018 International Wine Awards <b>Gold Medal</b> – 2017 Gilbert & Gaillard Contours International <b>Gold Medal</b> – 2018 Melbourne International Wine Competition <b>Gold Medal (94 points)</b> – Wine Showcase <b>Bronze Medal</b> – 2018 International Wine Challenge
<b>Reviews</b>	<b>97 points (5 Stars) – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit</b> Delectable offering, the magnificent bouquet shows blackberry, mixed berry compote, dark chocolate, black olive and cedar characters. The palate is concentrated and plush, and exhibits stunning fruit power and richness, wonderfully framed by fleshy mouthfeel and velvety texture. The wine is irresistibly charming while offering structure and engaging flavours. At its best: 2018 to 2030. AU\$100.00. <b>96 points (5 Stars) – Greg Swift, Wine Matrix</b> Brilliant structure. Deep ruby red and the bouquet is brimming with dark chocolate and Berries which rolls into a mouth filling experience typical of the Region. On the palate it is earthy pepper, leather with mixed berries and delicately balanced tannins. A perfect match with rare roast beef. <b>95 points – Wine Genius</b> A seriously good wine. Ripe and bold fruit are ever-present across both the bouquet and palate. Stylish oak, fine tannins and vivid acidity provide the perfect backbone to elevate the plum, cassis and mulberry. Will improve over the next 5-10 years. <b>95 points (5 Stars) – Stephen Read, Wine Matrix</b> Wow – intense luscious aromas of blackberry, vanilla and soft coconut, a funky earthiness and truffles. On the palate it all transpires to fill the mouth with layers of spicy pepper, dark fruits, grippy astringent tannins balanced by clean acid. A multilayered long even palate with great length showing its youth. Cellar for 10 + years to get the best. <b>94 points – Patrick Eckel</b> A wine that is dedicated to Tony Keys a stalwart of the Australian Wine industry who is battling a serious health issue. A deep, dark red in the glass the nose is true to the region with plum and blackberry fruit that's joined by aromatic, finely spiced french oak with a subtle charcuterie note somewhere in the background. The wine is medium to full bodied with a beautiful structure that flows from start to finish, tannins are layered with spice & earth; the fruit is concentrated yet rich. There is depth of plum fruit that is supported by milk chocolate & a touch of leather to finish. <b>94 points – Max Crus</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.5%
<b>RRP</b>	\$100.00