



# HICKINBOTHAM

CLARENDON VINEYARD

*Hickinbotham Clarendon Vineyard covers a steep cut of country from the ridgetops above the village of Clarendon to the Onkaparinga River in the gorge below. Since its establishment in 1971, the Hickinbotham Vineyard has become a part of Australia's wine heritage, supplying fruit to produce many of Australia's greatest wines. Breathing new life into this historic vineyard, winemakers Chris Carpenter and Peter Fraser are forging a new era of Hickinbotham's prestigious legacy: building upon and honouring the vineyard's acclaimed pedigree.*

## BROOKS ROAD

SHIRAZ

MCLAREN VALE

— 2017 —

2017 was a cooler year in McLaren Vale. The carryover from the 2016 rains into a perfect spring and then a cooler ripening season led to good fruit character for Shiraz and Grenache expressing in an elegant and lively style. The 2017 Shiraz has an elegant and balanced form, with round blackberry and black pepper notes on a lithe and supple frame.

### CRAFTING THE WINE

Shiraz 200s Blocks 68% (221/222/223/224), 300s blocks 32% (317/318/319/323/324/325)

Hand picked, 50% destemmed and 50% whole berry sorted to open fermentation. A 4 day cold soak, plunged 3 times daily with 2 weeks on skins. Basket pressed with press cut keeping free run and pressings separate. Racked 3 times over 15 months prior to bottling with individual barrel selection undertaken within 7 separate lots. Matured in a selection of Burgundy coopered barrels.

### WINEMAKER

Peter Fraser

### HARVESTED

4th, 11th & 12th April, 2017

### DETAIL

100% Shiraz

Alcohol: 14.5% | TA: 6.2 | pH: 3.61 | 1,360 cases

### ACCLAIM

95 points - Ned Goodwin, *Halliday Wine Companion*, August 2019

93 points - MaryAnn Worobiec, *Wine Spectator*, May 2020