

# HARDYS

Hardys is one of Australia's oldest wineries, founded in Australia over 165 years ago. Thomas Hardy helped forge the Australian wine industry and was a true pioneer, entrepreneur and visionary. Today our winemakers continue to uphold the Hardys pioneering and visionary spirit, crafting quality wines for consumers to enjoy across the globe.

This long standing commitment to quality, backed by over 9000 medals, ensures that whatever bottle our consumers choose, they can be confident and certain that Hardys is their best choice

## 2019 Eileen Hardy Shiraz



### EILEEN HARDY

Eileen Hardy was the Hardy family matriarch, an indomitable spirit and the first lady of Australian wine; her love of life still echoes through every Hardys wine and provides the inspiration to be the best. Winemakers select only the very best handpicked parcels of fruit from regions throughout Australia to carry the Eileen name. The inaugural 1970 Eileen Hardy Shiraz was released as a tribute to this great lady. Each vintage the winemakers select the very best parcels of Shiraz from McLaren Vale to carry the 'Eileen Hardy' label.

### GRAPE VARIETY

Shiraz

### COLOUR

Vibrant deep crimson

### NOSE

Complex aromas of blackberry, plum and blueberry with musk, chocolate and subtle notes of fresh tilled earth and aniseed.

### PALATE

Flavours of concentrated blackberry, blueberry and plum. The palate is layered and complex with a plethora of incredibly fine and soft tannins offering an exceptionally persistent finish.

### VINEYARD REGION

McLaren Vale

### WINEMAKING

The 2019 Eileen Hardy Shiraz combines the outstanding fruit from the 1892 planted vines of Upper Tintara with the dark, dense and concentrated fruit from the 57-year-old vines of the Elliott McLaren Flat vineyard to produce a wine of great power and depth of flavour with remarkable balance and persistence. Traditionally vinified with natural yeast, open fermentation and basket-pressing resulted in a wine that represents the pinnacle of McLaren Vale Shiraz. Selected rows and sections were hand packed, sorted and fermented separately and matured in the finest French oak (25% new barriques and puncheons) for 17 months.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Winter rainfalls were slightly below average for McLaren Vale while spring and summer continued to be dry. Heat spikes in January preceded a warm and dry harvest period however temperatures rarely exceeded the low 30's. Diligent vineyard management and strong vine architecture allowed fruit to achieve desirable sugar and flavour levels with very low disease pressure.

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 14.6%

Acidity (TA): 6.3g/L

pH: 3.54

### PEAK DRINKING

Approachable upon release, will reward careful cellaring for 10-15 years.

### FOOD MATCH

Crusty butter-basted rib eye steaks with thyme and garlic

### WINEMAKER

Nigel Sneyd

