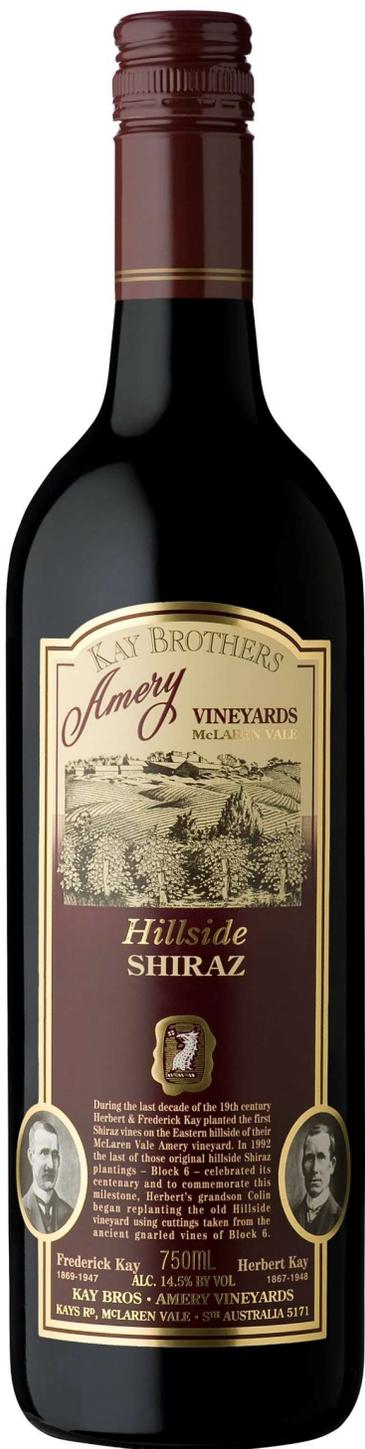




KAY BROTHERS

McLaren Vale

2017 KAY BROTHERS HILLSIDE SHIRAZ



WINE DATA

Producer

Kay Brothers

Region

McLaren Vale

Country

Australia

Wine Composition

100% Shiraz

Alcohol

14.5%

Total Acidity

7.2 G/L

pH

3.54

Residual Sugar

3.8 G/L

Bottling Date

February 1, 2019

Case Production

3,438

WINEMAKING

This wine is deep garnet in color. Perfumed aromas of musk, blackberry, dried herbs and clove are supported by underlying notes of wood smoke. The palate is loaded with generous fruit, spice and balanced by fine savory tannins on the finish.

Unlike Block 6, the Hillside Shiraz allows Kay Brothers to pick various parcels of fruit so as to assemble the best blend possible. Block 11, located at the top of the hill, has shallow sandy loam soil over limestone and sandstone. As a consequence, the vines mature earlier in most years and tend to be low yielding, with intense fruit concentration and powerful tannins. The rest of the Hillside Shiraz is located farther down the hill, in New Block 6, where dark chocolate loam and clay soil dispersed with quartz and ironstone over silty limestone. The New Block 6 component provides the finesse and elegance to the overall blend with savory flavors and tight structure. The blend of these two vineyards balances each other extremely well.

Vintage 2017 was set up by wonderful winter and spring rainfall, being the wettest season since 1992. Bud-burst was late but flowering conditions were mild and fruit set was quite good. Because of the mild summer temperatures vine canopies thrived with little stress compared to most years. The final ripening period was warm with cold nights, very favorable conditions for flavor development, setting the scene for an outstanding high quality vintage. Harvested on the 15th, 20th and 30th of March, traditionally processed with open fermentation and basket-pressing in our 1928 press. The wine then matured for 20 months in American and French oak.

SERVING HINTS

Decanting, prior to serving, is highly recommended. This wine is ideally served at room temperature and goes well with game dishes, and hearty lamb and beef.