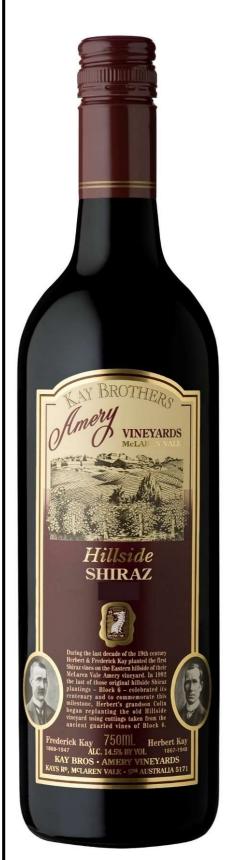
# KAY BROTHERS HILLSIDE SHIRAZ 2013



#### **Description:**

Rich, ripe array of black fruit flavors, underscored by savory bacon fat with briary roast beetroot and thyme on the palate. The firm, yet svelte, tannin structure ensures that this classic McLaren Vale Shiraz is packed with complexity and can only benefit from a few years in the cellar.

#### Winemaker's Notes:

Unlike Block 6, Hillside allows Kay Brothers to pick various parcels of fruit so as to assemble the best blend possible. Planted in 1969, Block 4, located at the top of the hill, has shallow sandy loam soil over limestone and the vines are exposed to the wind and sun. 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 silt-y limestone. The New Block 6 component provides the finesse and elegance to the overall blend with savoury flavors and tight structure. The blend of these two vineyards balances each other extremely well. Harvested at the end of February 2012, and traditionally processed with open fermentation and basket-pressing, the wine matured for 20 months in American, French and Balkan oak barrels, prior to bottling in February 2014.

#### **Serving Hints:**

Decanting is recommended an hour or two before enjoying. This wine is ideally served at room temperature with meat dishes and hard cheeses.

### **Interesting fact:**

**GRAPE VARIETY:** 

The Hillside vineyard was initially planted in 1892 and in 1992 a systematic replanting of the eastern hillside commenced using cuttings taken from the 100 year old Block 6 Shiraz vines.

100% Shiraz

PRODUCER: Kay Brothers
COUNTRY: Australia
REGION: McLaren Vale

**RESIDUAL SUGARS:** 2.1 g/l **PH:** 3.67

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