

# Kay Brothers Basket Pressed Shiraz

## "Highlights"

#### 2019

### • 92 – JAMES HALLIDAY – THE AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION, August 13, 2021

"...Full bodied and firmly of post code, with a well-judged oaky band across the finish tucking in scents of purple florals, blue/boysenberry, anise, pepper, clove and nori. An unpretentious, honest wine offering richness without exaggeration; poise and freshness without any obtuse shins or elbows."

#### • 92 – WINE ADVOCATE, August 31, 2021

"...the 2019 Basket Pressed Shiraz is a solid effort, offering up hints of dark chocolate, mint, plums and blackberries, followed by licorice and black olives on the finish. Medium to full-bodied, it's concentrated yet also a bit open-knit in feel — likely to be a wine to enjoy on the young side, say over the next 5-7 years."

#### 2018

#### • 92 – WINE ADVOCATE, February 27, 2021

"The near-textbook 2018 Basket Pressed Shiraz is a classic representation of McLaren Vale Shiraz. Scents of vanilla and menthol mingle easily with blueberries and black cherries on the nose, while the full-bodied palate is supple enough to offer present-day enjoyment, yet it's framed by firm tannins sufficient to warrant cellaring of up to a decade, if desired. A historic estate, Kay Brothers continues to turn out traditional wines of excellent quality.

#### 2016

#### • 94 - JAMES HALLIDAY - THE AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION, 2019

"Excellent dark garnet-purple; a jumble of black cherries, dark chocolate, licorice root and cinnamon lead the way to the full-bodied palate. While there's a touch of drying wood-varnish on the finish, this is ultimately deep and luscious, with velvety tannins adding a glossy feel."

#### 2014

#### • 94 – JAMES HALLIDAY – THE AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION, 2017

"An incredibly dense and luxuriant palate grabs all the attention; how this has been achieved with 14% alcohol is anyone's guess, but I'm not disposed to argue, because the outcome is a totally serendipitous, supple, full-bodied shiraz replete with dark Swiss chocolate wrapped around luscious black fruits."

#### • 90 - WINE ADVOCATE #226, August 2016

"The 2014 Basket Pressed Shiraz opens with baked plums, crème de cassis and blackberry coulis notes with hints of sandalwood and spice box. Medium to full-bodied and richly fruited in the mouth, if offers lovely spice and warm berry notes that shout "open for business," while the velvety tannins and approachable acidity echo "come on in!" This wine is so consistently good, year in and year out. I love it!"

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