



Kay Brothers Hillside Shiraz

“Highlights”

2018

- 94 - WINE ADVOCATE, *August 31, 2021*

"I think if I had to pick one Shiraz to epitomize McLaren Vale, the 2018 Hillside Shiraz would be a strong contender...it's a classic offering up a complex, concentrated array of mixed berries and leavening those with herbal intricacies and savory undercurrents of black olives and cedary oak. Medium to full-bodied it's ripe and velvety on the palate and long and mouthwatering on the finish."

- 94 - JAMES HALLIDAY – THE AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION, *August 13, 2021*

"...This is older-school traditional McLaren Vale red. Unashamed in its brood of mottled dark-fruit aspersions, licorice back strap, coffee grind, chocolate, fig and dried herbal notes strewn about the powerful palate. A lashing of vanilla/bourbon American oak punctuates the bolshy finish..."

2017

- 95 - JAMES HALLIDAY – THE AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION, *August 2020*

"Hillside allows Kays to blend Block 11 (on the exposed tip of the hill with shallow sandy loam over limestone and sandstone, wine and sun keeping the yield low) with the higher yielding New Block 6 (dark chocolate loam and clay), matured in American and French oak for 20 months. An exceptional Kay Brothers wine that has elegance to burn."

2015

- 95 - JAMES HALLIDAY – THE AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION, *2019*

"Boysenberry dipped in dark chocolate, plus a side of black plums, licorice and spicy clove/cedar (21 months in American and French oak, 26% new). Full-bodied and densely layered, yet there's a vivacity, too, thanks to its refreshing acidity and oh-so-supple, spongy tannins."

- 90 - WINE ENTHUSIAST, 'CELLAR SELECTION', *December 2018*

"This wine is upfront in aromas of ripe plums and bramble berries, along with coffee and dark chocolate tones. The fruitiness continues through to the palate but the tightly wound tannins take over, along with a good lick of acidity, making for an austere feel at the moment. This is a solid wine built for cellaring. Drink 2022–2028"

2013

- 95 - JAMES HALLIDAY – THE AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION, *2017*

"Open-fermented, basket-pressed, matured for 18 months in American and Balkan oak. This is distillation of all things McLaren Vale shiraz, a poached plum, blackberry and dark chocolate ragout, softly but insistently, painting every corner of the mouth, the masterstroke the mouthwatering tannins simultaneously freshening and lengthening the finish. Drink this, cellar its big brothers."

- 94 - WINE ADVOCATE #226, *August 2016*