



# Kay Brothers Hillside Shiraz

## “Highlights”

2019

- 93+ – WINE ADVOCATE, *September 15, 2022*

"2019 was a warm year in South Australia, and the reds produced in this season are across the board concentrated, compacted and dense. This applies to this 2019 Hillside Shiraz: the oak encases the fruit at this stage, and the wine has a distinct charry/resinous/midnight countenance. Everything about it feels built for the long haul, and usually I would encourage people to drink wine whenever they saw fit, but I really believe this will be better in even two years from now."

- 90 – JAMES SUCKLING, *August 10, 2022*

"Plenty of dark plums, cherries, blackberries, baking spices and smoke. It's medium-to full-bodied with fine tannins and lots of saline blackberries. Concentrated and velvety with a long, spicy finish. Just be aware of the salinity here. Drink now."

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..."

- 91 - WINE ENTHUSIAST, *April 2022 Issue*

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*