

# MCPHERSON WINES

## MOON STRUCK

2017 Shiraz Tempranillo

Hand-picked with grapes gathered in the still on the night, Moonstruck is made for those who like to howl at the moon.



### VINTAGE INFORMATION

**Region:** Central Victoria

**Varietal:** 70% Shiraz | 30% Tempranillo

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**Best Consumed:** 2020 - 2025



### JO'S WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

Fruit was harvested from select vineyard sites within Central Victoria during March/April 2017. The must was fermented in static red fermenters and pumped over every eight hours for the ferment's duration. Once the ferment was dry, the resulting wine was pressed off the skins and allowed to settle before allowing a natural secondary fermentation to commence. Separate parcels of the wine spent between 6 and 12 months on French oak, after which the final blending of select parcels took place. The resulting wine is ripe, complex and wonderfully rich and brooding. This is in part due to the distinct Shiraz parcels, however also as a result of the Tempranillo which imparts a fruit driven yet earthy character to the wine.

### JO'S HARVEST NOTES

Vintage 2017 is best described as a waiting game. The season was very long with fruit slow to ripen and although the urge just to pick it all was there, we had to bide our time until we had optimal flavours and ripeness. Once I made the decision to pick the grapes came in at an orderly pace, although increased yields due to the rain in spring made the juggling game in the winery even more challenging, with tank space at a premium. We made it through our marathon 2017 vintage and are thrilled with the exceptional quality including a number of really extraordinary parcels.

### JO'S WINE DESCRIPTION

Rich, with elegant and chalky tannins, this wine is a lovely blend of blackberry and pepper with a hint of savoury fruit and wonderful length. With well integrated French oak complimenting the spicy palate, this is a wine to be enjoyed with food, allowing the lengthy chalky tannins of the Tempranillo to compliment the ripe Shiraz fruit.

### JO'S FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

This savoury, easy drinking red is the perfect pizza wine. Or open a bottle on a lazy Summer evening, fire up the barbeque, serve with charcuterie or cheese platters and you'll see the magic.

