



**BONDAR**  
WINES

# Bondar 2018 RAYNER VINEYARD SHIRAZ



**Ale** | 14.0%

**Grape/ blend** |

Shiraz 100%

**Region/ Sub-region/ Vineyard** |

McLaren Vale/ Blewitt Springs/ Rayner Vineyard

**Vineyard Info** |

Shiraz from the two oldest blocks on our Rayner Vineyard. 75% from the 1947 planting: Deep sandy soils with ironstone rocks, dry-grown. This portion gives wonderful fragrance and an elegant structure. And 25% from the 1950 planting: shallow clay on limestone base. This portion gives the bones, the structure around the prettier and fleshier sandy portion.

**Farming notes** |

Our vineyard is farmed sustainably with minimal chemical inputs.

**Vintage** |

Winter rains were good in 2017 leading to solid canopies and healthy yields for another season. Veraison was quite late - well into January, which was welcome as we had a fairly hot and dry summer. Good leaf area helped to protect the grapes from the couple of serious heat events we had, and allowed them to ripen in their own time with strong flavour development and colour. Overall it was a warmer year, with powerful fruit favours and structural tannins.

**Winemaking** |

Hand-picked fruit, wild yeast ferment, 2 weeks on skins. About 20% whole bunches. 18 months ageing in mostly used French hogsheads (with 5% new oak as part of the final blend). No fining or filtration, bottled in September 2019.

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