



SL47888 **Penny's Hill Cracking Black Shiraz 2014, McLaren Vale, Australia 14.5%**

Normal Price £16.95

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*"Neat and composed and yet with all the power you could ever need and want. Dark chocolate, dates, fresh blackberry and licorice notes run proudly through the palate, aided and abetted by cords of tannin"*

**- 95 Points, James Halliday's 2017 Wine Companion**



The Cracking Black takes its name from fissures which occur in the vineyard as the black clay soil cracks apart. This process severs the root structures and naturally lessens the vigour of the vines, enhancing the fruit quality. The vineyard is hand-tended and after harvest the wine spends 18 months maturing in French oak (approximately 20% new, the balance 1-4 years old). Penny's Hill Cracking Black epitomises everything we love about McLaren Vale Shiraz: notes of chocolate and liquorice underpinned by juicy berry fruit – soft, round and generous.

### The Estate



Tony Parkinson (Proprietor) and Alexia Roberts (Winemaker)

After several years searching unsuccessfully for an established McLaren Vale vineyard, Tony and Susie Parkinson eventually, in 1988, bought bare land upon which to establish a vineyard. Located on the rolling foothills east of McLaren Vale, the 32 ha (80 acre) property, long used for grazing, gave commanding views over the waters of Gulf St. Vincent and the promise of a great vineyard.

From its first production of 141 cases of 1995 Shiraz, Penny's Hill is now an established premium estate producer of award-winning, fruit driven wines which reflect the terroir of McLaren Vale.

Winemaker Alexia Roberts has over a decade of vintages in McLaren Vale as well as additional vintage experience in Australia and abroad. Alexia's aim is to craft fruit driven, elegant and refined estate-grown wines.