



Tait

Border Crossing Shiraz 2015

Winemaker: Bruno Tait
Appellation: McLaren Vale
Varietal: 85% Shiraz, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon
Yields per Acre: 2-3.5 t/acre
Cases Produced: 1,500
Wood treatment: Used (3 to 5 year old) American (90%)
and French (10%)
Length of barrel maturation: 12 months.



Alcohol: 15.9%
Total Acid: 6.16
Free/Total Sulfur: 34/70
pH: 3.53
Residual Sugar: 1.09

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Winemaker Notes: G'Day Mates, with "The Ball Buster" and "The Wild Ride" under my belt, I thought it was time for a new direction. I love the big lush texture of my Barossa wines, however, I'd heard so much about the Shiraz in McLaren Vale that I thought I'd go check it out.

After many border crossings, I found this block of old vine Shiraz that produces a wine that is big, lush and juicy - just like back home - but with the blueberry and mocha characteristics that set it apart from the black plum and licorice we get in Barossa reds. I've been back and forth to McLaren Vale so many times now that naming this wine was really easy!

92 pts Robert Parker: I'm not sure what it says about a Barossa winery when its most striking wine (out of the three provided by the U.S. importer) is a McLaren Vale Shiraz. Tait's 2015 The Border Crossing Shiraz fits right into the house style of full-on ripeness and opulence, but it changes up the fruit profile to yield something brighter, fresher and loaded with cherry and red-berry fruit. Full-bodied, creamy and supple across the mid-palate, with a long, silky-tart finish, it's a fine but different complement to the super bargains delivered by this Barossa-based producer..