



# Kay Brothers Hillside Shiraz

## “Highlights”

2021

- 93 – WINE ADVOCATE, *September 2024*

"The 2021 Hillside Shiraz is succulent and yet lean: it manages to achieve the silky blackcurrant character that I so associate with McLaren Vale Shiraz but also has a tight graphite core of tannin that is a lovely foil or offset to the fruit. It takes a while to get in the swing of things here, but once there, the wine starts to show licorice and kicked earth, gravel, dried mint, arnica, Amaro-esque bitters and herbs, pressed flowers and olive tapenade. There is a lot going on, with a fair bit of grunt and sway, but ultimately, the minerality here holds it together with poise. This is a big wine and almost old-school but very good. It matured for 19 months in a combination of American and French oak. 14% alcohol, sealed under screw cap."

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*

"This red offers a brambly berry aroma alongside vanilla, chocolate, white pepper and iodine accents. Earthy beet root and oak notes are at the back. The tannins are hefty and a little drying but the fruit and spice still hold their own."

- 90 - JAMES SUCKLING, *November 1, 2022*