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**Ex Fox Creek Winemaker Dan Hills Joins McLaren Vale's Shingleback Wine**

Shingleback Wine, - McLaren Vale wine producer of Shingleback, The Gate, D Block and Red Knot wines, announced today that former Fox Creek winemaker Dan Hills has been named winemaker for Shingleback wines.

Hills will join John Davey, Director of winemaking, at the McLaren Vale winery where he will be an integral part of winemaking for Shingleback Wine, Red Knot and Gate brands.

A native of England, Hills came to Australia in 1994 to study winemaking at the University of Adelaide's-Roseworthy campus. After earning his oenology degree with honors, he worked at South Australia's Primo Estate Wines before joining Fox Creek as chief winemaker in 1997. Under his tenure, Fox Creek earned numerous trophy awards and in 2003 Hills was crowned "Bushing King" at the McLaren Vale Wine Show, a coveted title given to the vintner producing the top wine at the annual competition.

“Dan brings a commitment to quality that drives our winemaking every step of the way,” says Shingleback’s John Davey. “McLaren Vale winemakers are a tight knit group. I’ve enjoyed collaborating with Dan frequently over the years, and I know our winemaking styles are very much in sync. He is a terrific addition to the team.”

Shingleback is best known for its award-winning Shingleback wines, rich, fruit-driven Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon from the Davey family’s McLaren Vale estate vineyards. The wines retail for \$29. Shingleback D Block Reserve, made only at the winemaker’s discretion when vintage conditions allow, retails for \$49.

The Gate is a blockbuster Australian Shiraz styled to appeal to serious collectors for its explosive fruit, complexity and density. Big and bold, this is a seamless, age-worthy wine meant to push the outer limits of Australian Shiraz by remaining fruit-forward while gaining concentration and intensity as it ages. It retails for \$49.

Shingleback, Red Knot and The Gate Wines are distributed nationally by Angove’s.

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