



2018 WHOLE BUNCH GRENACHE

McLAREN VALE

VINEYARD

Winter in 2017 had good rainfall rain events were spread out with few heavy soaking rains. The spring that followed was dry resulting in low disease pressure. January and February were cool and mild leading to a later season than previous years. This longer ripening period resulted in fantastic flavour development meaning 2018 will be a great year for red wines from McLaren Vale .

Harvest began in early March with mild days and cool nights, slowing down sugar accumulation and extending the ripening period, greatly enhancing flavour, structure and colour development.

The Grenache fruit is in the sandy, west facing soils of the Swann vineyard in Blewitt Springs. The grapes were hand-picked and chilled for the trip to our small batch winery.

WINEMAKING

Whole berries with some whole bunches were fermented in small open fermenters, gently hand-plunged and sometimes foot trodden to coax colour and flavour from the skins with natural ferment and minimal additions, all part of our philosophy of letting the McLaren Vale soils and environment speak through the wine. Once dry the wine was pressed and racked to old French oak barrels for 4 months of maturation before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR	Bright crimson purple.
AROMA	Perfumed floral nose of blueberries and raspberries with spice in the background.
FLAVOUR	Luscious berry fruits and cherry ripe characters, soft silky tannins lead to a seductive moreish finish.
CELLAR POTENTIAL	2022

HAVE IT WITH ...

The wine is well suited to Spanish food and will happily pair with fish and chicken as well as red meats and pasta.

Vegan Friendly