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# 2016 Tempranillo Mataro Grenache Graciano

McLAREN VALE

## VINEYARD

Winter in 2015 was relatively dry and although totals ended up near normal, rain events were spread out with few heavy soaking rains. The spring that followed was exceptionally dry resulting in low disease pressure but requiring early irrigation to ensure balanced vine canopies. An early bud burst and the dry warm conditions always meant vintage was going to be early with conditions in November ideal for flowering and fruit set. Timely rain events at the beginning of February refreshed the vines, greatly reducing the stresses of the dry season.

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

Sourced from carefully selected vineyards within the stunning region of McLaren Vale, each brings its own unique attributes to the varieties grown there. The Tempranillo is from a vineyard on the outskirts of the small town of Willunga, while the Mataro grows in the far southern sub-region of Sellicks Foothills. The Grenache comes from two vineyards - Blewitt Springs with its sandy soils and Hawthorn Ridge with heavier, more fertile alluvial soils, whilst the Certified Organic Graciano is grown on the Hill Edge vineyards of Joch Bosworth.

## WINEMAKING

Fruit was handpicked and then destemmed into small open fermenters for whole berry fermentation. Once fermentation was complete each parcel was gently basket pressed and maturation occurred in old French oak puncheons. Each batch was kept separate throughout the winemaking process. Blending was good fun. Our aim was to produce a vibrant red wine with inspiration coming from the great red wines of the Rioja region of Spain. The final blend being Tempranillo (38%), Mataro (33%), Grenache (22%) and Graciano (7%)

The wine was bottled in early December 2016 to retain its delicate freshness, vibrancy and punchy fruit. This small batch wine reflects the sites, season and soil.

## TASTING NOTES

COLOUR	Crimson Purple.
AROMA	Blueberries, cherries and raspberry with hints of spice .
FLAVOUR	A medium bodied red blend bursting with layers of bright red berry fruit flavour and seductive tannins. A wine of poise, vibrancy and drinkability.
CELLAR POTENTIAL	2020

## HAVE IT WITH ...

Anything! Chill-out and enjoy the view.

