



CHAPEL HILL  
MCLAREN VALE



# BUSH VINE GRENACHE 2013

## The Winery

Chapel Hill Winery was built on the site of the historic Seaview Chapel. The Chapel was built in 1865 and now serves as our winery tasting room. The first vines were planted at Chapel Hill in 1972 and the first vintage was in 1975.

Under the guidance of Michael Fragos and Bryn Richards, Chapel Hill strives to hand craft wines with purity and balance. All of the grapes and wines are handled gently, in small batches to ensure that the wonderful site and varietal characters are given the attention they deserve.

## The Vintage

The 2013 vintage was notable for its wet winter followed by an extremely dry and warm spring and summer. Rainfall over the growing season was roughly half of the long term average. The combination of lower rainfall and warmer than average weather explains why the resultant harvest was earlier and more condensed than normal. Grapes quickly achieved their optimum ripening level and pest and disease problems were minimal.

## The Wine

The unsung hero of McLaren Vale, the history and tradition of our region can be enjoyed with a glass of this wine that is crafted from old bush vine Grenache.

These old, low yielding vines provide small berries, thick skins and open bunches which deliver bright fruit flavours and a rustic savoury texture.

## Reviews

90 pts eRobertParker.com

*"Medium to full bodied, the palate is soft, gentle and understated yet has plenty of fruit and persistence"*

92 pts jamesuckling.com

94 pts James Halliday 2016 Wine Companion

## Wine Specifications

Variety: 100% Grenache

Appellation: 100% McLaren Vale

Harvest dates: 3rd to 9th March 2013

Ripeness at

harvest: 14.2 – 14.6° Baume

Oak ageing: 100% French Oak

18 months

Hogshead (300L) & Puncheons (500L)

1-5 years old

pH: 3.58

Acidity: 5.8 g/L

Alcohol: 14.5 % v/v

Residual sugar: 1.6 g/L

Bottling date: 13th September 2014

Release Date: 1st October 2015

Closure: Screw Cap

Winemakers: Michael Fragos & Bryn Richards

Viticulturist: Rachel Steer

*Suitable for vegetarians and vegans*

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