



CHAPEL HILL  
McLAREN VALE



# McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ 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 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

Showcasing McLaren Vale's brooding savoury side, which when enhanced with the regions plush dark fruits transports Shiraz to a deliciously ethereal level. The best of both worlds.

## Wine Specifications

Variety:	100% Shiraz
Appellation:	100% McLaren Vale
Harvest date:	12 <sup>th</sup> February to 23 <sup>th</sup> February 2013
Oak ageing:	98% French Oak 2% American Oak 100% Hogsheads (300L) 19% New oak 18 months
pH:	3.67
Acidity:	6.3 g/L
Alcohol:	14.5 % v/v
Residual sugar:	1.7 g/L
Bottling date:	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2014
Release Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2014
Closure:	Screw Cap
Winemakers:	Michael Fragos & Bryn Richards
Viticulturist:	Rachel Steer

To preserve the varietal and site characters, this wine was clarified naturally without the use of any fining agents or filtration.

*Suitable for vegetarians and vegans*

## Reviews

90 pts eRobertParker.com

92 pts jameassuckling.com

95 pts James Halliday 2016 Wine Companion

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