



Hand Harvested  
Open fermented with gentle plunging  
Basket pressed  
Minimal additions  
Clarified naturally

# BUSH VINE GRENACHE 2018

## 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.

"At Chapel Hill there exists a deep respect for our land and vines, this inspires our vision to handcraft wines with purity and balance. All of the grapes and wines are handled gently, in small batches to showcase the wonderful site and varietal characters of McLaren Vale."

Winemakers: Michael Fragos and Bryn Richards

## The Vintage

Heavy winter rains filled the soil profile and set the vines up well for the season. Ideal growing conditions through spring encouraged a healthy, balanced canopy.

A comparatively cool and dry February and March allowed the vines to ripen at a steady pace, developing beautifully supple tannins at moderate sugar levels whilst retaining bright fruit flavours.

Viticulturist: Rachel Steer

## 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 result in small berries, thick skins and open bunches which deliver bright fruit flavours and an invigorating rustic savoury texture.

## Wine Specifications

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| Variety:       | 100% Grenache  |
| Appellation:   | 100% McLaren Vale  |
| Harvest date:  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018  |
| Oak ageing:    | 100% French oak<br>100% 2-5 year old Puncheons (500L)<br>12 months |
| pH:            | 3.42   |
| Acidity:       | 5.7 g/L  |
| Alcohol:       | 14.5 % v/v   |
| Bottling date: | 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2019                                     |
| Release date:  | 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019   |
| Closure:       | Screw cap  |

*Clarified naturally without the use of fining or filtration*

*Suitable for vegetarians and vegans*

## Reviews

Silver Medal – 2019 Decanter World Wine Awards

90 pts – The Real Review – Toni Paterson

*"Dried cherry and plum aromas. The mid-palate is plush, rounded and focused. Fleshy dark fruit flavours, gentle savouriness and balanced tannin. It is the intensity of the fruit which sets this wine aside from others at this price"*

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