



**CHAPEL HILL**  
McLAREN VALE



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# McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ 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

Showcasing McLaren Vale’s brooding savoury side, which when enhanced with the regions plush dark fruits transports Shiraz to a deliciously ethereal level.

## Wine Specifications

Variety:	100% Shiraz
Appellation:	100% McLaren Vale
Harvest date:	19 <sup>th</sup> February to 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Oak ageing:	100% French oak 100% Hogsheads (300L) 23% new oak 20 months
pH:	3.68
Acidity:	6.2 g/L
Alcohol:	14.5 % v/v
Bottling date:	October 2019
Release date:	January 2020
Closure:	Screw cap

*Clarified naturally without the use of fining or filtration*

*Suitable for vegetarians and vegans*



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### Reviews

91 pts – James Suckling

90 pts – The Real Review Huon Hooke

94 pts- Andrew Cailard, MV

*'Deep crimson. Intense fresh blackberry, dark chocolate, shellac aromas with some walnut notes. Generously proportioned wine with deep set blackberry, boysenberry fruits, some paneforte notes, fine plentiful chalky tannins and cedar, walnut notes. Finishes chocolaty/ grippy firm. A traditional McLaren Vale Shiraz with plenty of stuffing and attack.'*

93 pts – WBM – Tyson Stelzer

*'There is a great deal tucked into the folds of this wine for its affordable price. Jet black in colour and in aroma, 2018 marks a powerful season for Chapel Hill, balancing density of ripe fruit with black oal oak and consummately confident, fine tannins. A grand Shiraz by any definition.'*