



CHAPEL HILL



Minimal additions  
Gentle winemaking

# THE PARSON GRENACHE SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE 2020

## 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.”

**Winemakers:** Michael Fragos and Bryn Richards

## The Vintage

Soil profiles reached capacity early in winter and set the vines up well for a challenging season. Budburst was at the usual time and a warm, dry spring followed. The conditions kept disease pressure low and reduced vine vigour and yield.

Whilst summer started out very hot, the season cooled through January. February brought welcome rain to freshen up the vines. The cool weather continued into harvest allowing fruit to be picked at optimum ripeness and plenty of time for extra care in the winery.

**Viticulturist:** Rachel Steer

## The Wine

The Parson GSM provides a gateway to these quintessential McLaren Vale varieties with a focus on bright fruit flavours and a breezy texture. Smooth, silky and fruit driven with persistent fine grained tannins.

## Wine Specifications

Variety:	57% Grenache, 36% Shiraz, 7% Mourvèdre
Appellation:	100% McLaren Vale
Harvest date:	4 <sup>th</sup> March to 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Oak ageing:	18% oak: 82% stainless steel 100% French oak Hogsheads (300L) and Puncheons (500L) 3-6-year-old oak 7 months maturation
pH:	3.60
Acidity:	5.6 g/L
Alcohol:	14.0 % v/v
Bottling date:	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Release date:	February 2021
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

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Andrew Caillard MW