

# B E K K E R S

*a story of soil + soul*



Bekkers Wine is the winemaking project of respected viticulturist Toby Bekkers and his French-born wife and winemaker Emmanuelle. Few can claim a more extensive understanding of McLaren Vale.

***"Nothing we have seen overseas has diminished our conviction that McLaren Vale is capable of producing unique, world-class wines and we aim to be an emblem for the region."***

## **2018 Bekkers, McLaren Vale Syrah-Grenache**

Our quest to create a fine wine beacon for McLaren Vale means attention to the smallest details. Vineyard parcels are selected from our 'artist's palette' - the landscape of McLaren Vale - to capture aromatic spice, elegance and soft, silky texture; all underpinned by the generous flavours of McLaren Vale.

Blend: 64% Syrah (Shiraz), 36% Grenache.

Late ripening Syrah from Clarendon delivers generosity and soft, silky texture. Grenache from aged bush-vines is more medium bodied and contributes asiatic spice and aromatic fragrance.

In the cellar, 15-30% whole bunches are added to the fermenter and the remaining fruit is gently destemmed (not crushed) and sorted to remove any shrivelled berries. Cold soaked for 5-6 days prior to the beginning of extended natural fermentation (no yeast added). Gently fermented with the aim to minimising over-extraction of aggressive tannin and other undesirable elements. Basket pressed to aged French oak (500L). Aged on fine lees with minimal sulphur additions before racking in June 2018 and June 2019. The components were blended together and bottled in August 2019 sans filtration.

Wine style objective: Capture McLaren Vale's generosity of flavour with a light touch ensuring the retention of spice, fragrance and aromatics. Scents of little blue flowers (lavender and violets). Blueberry and blackcurrant fruit profile. Long, soft, silky texture. We believe that the textural element holds the key to fine wine.

Screw cap | 14.0% abv.

**"SENSATIONAL WINE." 96pts** Huon Hooke, The Real Review.

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