

# B E K K E R S

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*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 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.

In our opinion, Grenache is the variety with which McLaren Vale will stand proudest. Late ripening and medium bodied, Grenache augments the signature of vintage and vineyard more keenly than Shiraz.

Variety: 100% Grenache.

A careful blend of three vineyards. The structural core of the wine comes from an old, dry farmed vineyard in the rocky Onkaparinga Hills. A 1930's Blewitt Springs bush-vine parcel is more medium bodied while a higher altitude Kangarilla plot contributes asiatic spice and aromatic fragrance.

In the cellar, 10% whole bunches are added to the fermenter and the remaining fruit is gently destemmed (not crushed) and machine-sorted to remove any shrivelled berries. Cold soaked for 5-6 days. Natural fermentation (no yeast added). Gently fermented with the aim of minimising over-extraction. Basket pressed to aged French oak (500L puncheons). We choose to age our wine on fine lees with minimal sulphur additions before racking and bottling sans filtration.

We believe that the textural element holds the key to fine wine.

Screw cap | 14.5% abv.

***"PINPOINT BALANCE..." 17.5+.*** JancisRobinson.com.

***"POWERFUL YET POISED."*** 96pts. Decanter Magazine.

***"SERIOUS FEELING GRENACHE..." 93+pts.*** Mike Bennie, The Wine Front