



CHAPEL HILL



Open fermented with gentle plunging
Basket pressed
Minimal additions
Clarified naturally

THE VINEDRESSER

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 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 of McLaren Vale.”

Winemakers: Michael Fragos and Bryn Richards

The Vintage

Soil profiles at Chapel Hill reached capacity early in winter and set the vines up well for a challenging season. Buddburst 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 words “I am a true vine” feature within the ornate design of our iconic stained glass window. This scripture follows with “my father is a vinedresser”, which inspires this tribute to the wonderful grape growers of McLaren Vale.

A wonderful expression of Cabernet Sauvignon’s style, structure and depth of flavour. Blackcurrant and rosemary flavours are further complexed by poised and mouth filling fine grained tannins.

Wine Specifications

Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	100% McLaren Vale
Harvest date:	March 2020
Oak ageing:	100% French oak 16 months
pH:	3.67
Acidity:	5.8 g/L
Alcohol:	14.5 % v/v
Bottling date:	August 2021
Closure:	Screw cap

Clarified naturally without the use of fining or filtration

Suitable for vegetarians and vegans

Reviews

95pts Andrew Caillard MW

“Medium deep colour Attractive cabernet aromas with lifted cassis, black olive/graphite, violet leafy notes. Fresh blackcurrant cedar flavours, Parma violet nuances and fine grainy tannins. Finishes firm with persistent dark fruits and herb garden notes. A lovely medium bodied fruity style that punches well above its price category. An extra point for that! Drink now – 2025”

90pts Halliday Wine Companion, NG