



CHAPEL HILL



Hand Harvested
Open fermented with gentle plunging
Basket pressed
Minimal additions
Clarified naturally

THE MV BUSH VINE GRENACHE 2022

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

Steady rainfall throughout June and July filled the soil profile. August was drier than average and led into a warm start to September. Flowering began in early November but continued over an extended period due to the cooler than usual conditions followed by one of the driest December on record

Ideal ripening conditions prevailed throughout February and March – warm daytime and cool night-time temps, moderate relative humidity, minimal rain and no heat waves. The warm dry conditions meant the grapes achieved physiological ripeness and were able to be harvested and taken into the winery at the optimal time. The resulting wines are vibrant, with bright fruit flavours and lovely natural acidity.

Viticulturist: Rachel Steer

The Wine

The stoic hero of McLaren Vale, the history and tradition of our wonderful region can be enjoyed with a glass of this wine that is crafted from old bush vine Grenache.

These old, low yielding vines result in small berries, thick skins and open bunches which deliver bright fruit flavours and an invigorating rustic savoury texture.

Wine Specifications

Variety:	100% Grenache
Appellation:	100% McLaren Vale
Vineyard:	Munzberg Vineyard, McLaren Flat
Geology:	Alluvial Valley of Clays
Vines planted:	1952
Harvest date:	21 st March 2022
Vineyard:	Corletto Vineyard, Blewitt Springs
Geology:	Unconsolidated Sand Dunes
Vines planted:	1948
Harvest date:	24 th March 2022
Oak ageing:	100% 1-5-year-old Puncheons (500L) French oak, 12 months
pH:	3.42
Acidity:	5.6 g/L
Alcohol:	14.5 % v/v
Bottling date:	April 2023
Closure:	Screw cap

Reviews

96 pts	James Halliday, Top 100 wines of 2023
93 pts	Wine Pilot, Jeni Port
92 pts	Australian Wine Review, Andrew Graham
92 pts	James Suckling Wine Reviews, Ned Goodwin
92 pts	The Real Review, Stuart Knox
91 pts	McLaren Vale Wine Show, 2023
Gold	Grenache Masters, 2023
Silver	James Halliday Grenache Challenge, 2023

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