



CHAPEL HILL



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

# THE MV CABERNET SAUVIGNON 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.”

## 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, supple tannins and lovely natural acidity.

## The Wine

Stylish and opulent. A regal Cabernet Sauvignon that delivers on all fronts. Varietal, balanced, dusty tannins and the sweet core of fruit that McLaren Vale generously provides.

## Wine Specifications

Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	100% McLaren Vale
Harvest date:	29 <sup>th</sup> March to 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Oak ageing:	100% French Oak 100% Hogsheads (300L) 22% New oak 78% two- to six-year-old oak. 18 months
pH:	3.63
Acidity:	6.0 g/L
Alcohol:	14.5 % v/v
Bottling date:	October 2023
Closure:	Screw cap

**Winemakers:** Michael Fragos and Bryn Richards

**Viticulturist:** Rachel Steer

*Clarified naturally without the use of fining or filtration*

*Suitable for vegans*

## Reviews

**93 pts** Wine Pilot, Ray Jordan

**91 pts** The Wine Front, Campbell Mattinson