



CHAPEL HILL



Open fermented with gentle plunging
Basket pressed
Minimal additions
Clarified naturally

THE VINEDRESSER SHIRAZ 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 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.

Decadent and delectable flavours swirl generously over the wonderfully structured plate.

Wine Specifications

Variety:	100% Shiraz
Appellation:	100% McLaren Vale
Harvest date:	25 th February to March 4 th 2022
Oak ageing:	100% French Oak 16 months
pH:	3.68
Acidity:	6.0 g/L
Alcohol:	14.5 % v/v
Bottling date:	October 2023
Closure:	Screw cap

To preserve the varietal and site characters, this wine was clarified naturally without the use of any fining agents or filtration.

Suitable for vegans.

Reviews

92 pts	Wine Pilot, Ray Jordan
90 pts	The Real Review, Aaron Brasher
Silver	London Wine Competition, 2024

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