



**CHAPEL HILL**  
McLAREN VALE



# FORTIFIED SHIRAZ 2015

## 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 winery tasting room. The first vines were planted at Chapel Hill in 1972 and the very first grapes were processed in the Chapel in 1975. Now under the guidance of winemakers Michael Fragos and Bryn Richards, Chapel Hill strives to craft wines with purity and balance that articulate the wonderful charm of McLaren Vale.

## The Vintage

Below average winter rainfall resulted in an early commencement to the growing season. A warmer than average summer, with no extended periods of extreme heat, resulted in a condensed vintage. Vibrant fruit flavours and acidity were still prevalent and the resultant wines were both varietal and textural..

## The Wine

A long held wish of winemaker Bryn Richards, this wine is the result of great planning and a good deal of luck. *Rich, sweet and incredibly long on the palate, the magic is in the savoury gamey finish.*

## Wine Specifications

Variety:	100% Shiraz
Appellation:	100% McLaren Vale
Harvest date:	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015
Ripeness at harvest:	18.0°Baume
Oak ageing:	50% Stainless Steel, 50% 5 year old French Oak Hogs heads 3 months
pH:	3.66
Acidity:	6.1 g/L
Alcohol:	18.0 % v/v
Residual sugar:	78.0 g/L
Bottling date:	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2015
Release Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2015
Closure:	Screw Cap
Winemakers:	Michael Fragos & Bryn Richards
Viticulturist:	Rachel Steer

*Suitable for Vegetarians and Vegans*

## Reviews

Gary Walsh – The Wine Front – 93+ Points  
The spirit is clean (and I mean really clean), there's chocolate, violets, spice and plummy black fruit. Full bodied, chocolaty, thick in texture with grainy but well measured tannin, enough succulence, enough savoury flavours. It feels like a wine that's well in balance now, and should evolve beautifully over the next few decades.

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