



CHAPEL HILL
McLAREN VALE



McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ 2012

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.

Under the guidance of Michael Fragos and Bryn Richards, Chapel Hill strives to hand craft wines with purity and balance. All of the grapes and wines are handled gently in small batches to ensure that the wonderful site and varietal characters are given the attention they deserve.

The Vintage

After a winter in which we recorded average rainfall, the 11/12 season commenced early. Despite no extended heat waves, the consistent mild weather pattern in late summer / early autumn was ideal for maturation, even flavour and tannin ripening. A couple of heavy rainfall events caused a brief interruption in harvesting, however the gully winds soon dried out the canopies and harvesting resumed. Lower than average yields were harvested, however the resultant quality was outstanding with all wines displaying varietal personality and poise.

The Wine

Showcasing McLaren Vale's brooding savoury side, which when enhanced with the regions plush dark fruits transports Shiraz to a deliciously ethereal level. The best of both worlds.

Wine Specifications

Variety:	100% Shiraz
Appellation:	100% McLaren Vale
Harvest date:	12 th February to 23 th February 2012
Oak ageing:	98% French Oak 2% American Oak 100% Hogsheads (300L) 20% New oak 23 months
pH:	3.67
Acidity:	6.3 g/L
Alcohol:	14.5 % v/v
Residual sugar:	1.6 g/L
Bottling date:	6 th February 2014
Release Date:	1 st May 2014
Closure:	Screw Cap
Winemakers:	Michael Fragos & Bryn Richards
Viticulturist:	Rachel Steer

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

Suitable for vegetarians and vegans

Reviews

91 pts eRobertParker.com

96 pts James Halliday 2014 Wine Companion

"...effortlessly captures all that is good about McLaren Vale"

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