

McLaren Vale Grenache Rosé 2018

McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia



PRODUCER

Willunga 100 is in McLaren Vale, south of Adelaide. The grapes come from a range of selected vineyards in McLaren Vale, including some over 80 years old. Head winemaker Skye Salter is supported by Mike Farmilo who has 40 years of experience working in McLaren Vale. Together they aim to produce unique and distinctive wines which capture the essence of the region. They use modern equipment alongside traditional winemaking techniques to ferment the small parcels of fruit arriving at the winery. The term "hundred" originates from late Saxon and Norman England and refers to an administrative unit of government, meaning that 100+ households had to live in the area to qualify for its place on the map. Willunga 100 select their fruit from small parcels just as the district was divided up into '100s', or small lots.

VINEYARDS

Comprised of old bush vines (60 years+), the vineyard benefits from McLaren Vale's Mediterranean-like climate of warm sunny days and sea breeze influences (from the nearby Gulf St Vincent). These warm days together with the cool maritime evenings are perfect for ripening the grapes while maintaining a crisp, clean structure.

VINTAGE

Hot and dry growing conditions from December through to February saw early ripening across all varieties. The summer was hot, but the cool night time temperatures ensured the grapes were in excellent condition with good acidity levels when harvesting took place in early March.

VINIFICATION

The hand-picked fruit was destemmed into a fermenter to drain for 3-4 hours, care was taken to minimise excessive colour extraction to keep the wine as pale as possible. The juice was settled, racked and then fermented using a more neutral yeast strain. Post fermentation, the wine was lightly fined, filtered and bottled as soon as possible to maintain the delicate aromatics and crisp acidity.

TASTING NOTES

This Rosé is light pale pink in colour, with intense aromas of strawberries, cherries and subtle floral rose petal notes. On the palate, a lovely savoury tannin profile coupled with crisp drying acidity gives the wine great length.

AWARDS

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Winemaker	Mike Farmilo
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	1.9g/L
Acidity	5.39g/L
Wine pH	3.23
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan