

S.C. Pannell,
Adelaide Hills Nebbiolo 2016
Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia



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MCLAREN VALE



Grape Varieties	100% Nebbiolo
Winemaker	Stephen Pannell
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14%
Acidity	5.6g/L
Wine pH	3.83
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

Stephen Pannell is one of the best and brightest of the new generation of Australian winemakers, having spent a decade working as chief red wine maker at Hardys before striking out on his own in 2004. Steve has worked all over the world, including with Aldo Vajra in Barolo and for Domaine Dujac and Pousse d'Or. His broad experience has helped shape his approach to winemaking and his wines are true expressions of the grapes and vineyards of McLaren Vale. In October 2015, Steve was named Winemaker of the Year by the consumer wine magazine, Gourmet Traveller Wine.

VINEYARDS

The eighth release of S.C. Pannell's Nebbiolo, this is a blend of five different clones from a certified biodynamic vineyard in Gumeracha in the Adelaide Hills. Lying at almost 400 metres above sea level, the soils are composed of greatly weathered Proterozoic stone that formed over a billion years ago.

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was a vintage of two distinct halves. Winter and spring were exceptionally warm and dry, with irrigation required much earlier in the season than average. A number of rainstorms quickly changed everything, making 2016 one of the wettest and mildest ripening periods on record. The red wines from 2016 are tannic and not dissimilar in to those from 1996 and 2006, promising great ageing potential.

VINIFICATION

Grapes were hand-harvested in late March and traditionally vinified in small open-top fermenters. Gently pressed off skins after 23 days, the wine completed malolactic fermentation in stainless steel before being transferred to old Hungarian oak puncheons and large vats for 14 months. The decision to press made purely on taste gives a very different tannin profile, winding them from the center of the mouth through to the very back palate.

TASTING NOTES

Highly perfumed with notes of red cherry, rosewater, fennel bulb, cassis, chestnut puree and marjoram along with terracotta tiles and cedar. Medium-bodied, this Nebbiolo is unashamedly tannic with an almost unrivalled balance of acid and flavour, perfect weight and a tremendously long finish.