

S.C. Pannell,  
`Smart Vineyard` Clarendon Grenache 2019  
McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia



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MCLAREN VALE



## 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 'Smart' vineyard is on the edge of the Clarendon township. At 230 metres above sea level, it is the highest Grenache vineyard in the whole of McLaren Vale. 'Saddleworth formation' soils of up to 750 million years old are composed of laminated dark grey and green siltstone. The 65-year-old Grenache bush vines are dry grown and yield hugely concentrated fruit. The vines are tended to and the grapes are harvested by hand.

## VINIFICATION

Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were destemmed and crushed. Fermentation took place in open-top fermenters with just eight days on the skins before gentle pressing, with no hard pressings used in the final blend. The wine was then transferred to 2750 litre seven-year-old French oak vats for malolactic conversion and maturation for around 10 months.

## TASTING NOTES

A beautifully perfumed style of Grenache with intense aromas of ripe raspberries, violets, roses, woody herbs and spice on the nose. Succulent red fruits and a subtle earthiness on the palate with firm but ripe tannins, a vibrant acidity and a lingering finish.

Grape Varieties	<b>100% Grenache</b>
Winemaker	<b>Stephen Pannell</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>14.5%</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>