

S.C. Pannell,

## `Old McDonald` Blewitt Springs McLaren Vale Grenache 2021

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 vineyards were planted around 1940 with pre-clonal selection bush vines. They were trellised in the 1980s and not maintained, now referred to as 'bush on a wire'. The soil is deep Maslin Beach sands over clay and the vines face south-east at an elevation of 80m above sea level. The vines are not irrigated and are organically managed.

### VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage is described by SC Pannell as 'mostly joyous but not without its challenges'. Good winter rain led to strong growth with good cover in the mid row and under vine well into summer. No disease pressure, good canopies and plentiful bunches led to a long ripening season. The greatest challenge was having enough hours in the day and enough people to help with harvesting the plentiful and perfectly ripe fruit.

### VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand harvested on 25th February and were immediately crushed upon arrival at the winery, 20% were whole bunch pressed. Fermentation took place in one stainless steel open-top fermenter with regular pump overs and the wine then remained on skins for 15 days prior to a gentle press. The juice was then settled in tank for 20 days before transfer to old French oak for malolactic fermentation and extended maturation. The wine was racked twice and bottled without fining, filtration, additions, or adjustment on 13th December 2021.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine opens with intense aromas of raspberry and blackcurrant with sweet notes of dark toffee. This is a wine with velvety tannins, complemented by perfectly balanced acidity and a long finish.

Grape Varieties	<b>100% Grenache</b>
Winemaker	<b>Stephen Pannell</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>14.5%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>1g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>5.8g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.45</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Vegetarian, Vegan</b>