

MMAD Vineyard,
Blewitt Springs Chenin Blanc 2023
McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia

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VINEYARD



Grape Varieties	100% Chenin Blanc
Winemaker	Adam Wadewitz
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	1.6g/L
Acidity	5.3g/L
Wine pH	3.3
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan, Practising Organic

PRODUCER

MMAD Vineyard is a partnership between Tolpuddle and Shaw + Smith's founders, Martin Shaw and Michael Hill-Smith MW, chief winemaker and CEO Adam Wadewitz and CEO David LeMire MW. MMAD was conceived as an acronym of the team's initials. For many years, this talented quartet had been searching for a site in the McLaren Vale. In early 2021 they purchased an established vineyard in Blewitt Springs, attracted by the potential of old vine Chenin Blanc, Shiraz and Grenache. Just as this team did at Tolpuddle, they have taken an existing site and, through improved viticulture, transformed it into an outstanding single vineyard.

VINEYARDS

Located in the dress circle of Blewitt Springs, MMAD Vineyard was first planted in 1939, and the oldest Chenin Blanc blocks date from 1941. The vineyard has the fine Maslin sands found in Blewitt Springs, and is exposed to fresh sea breezes from the south west. Below the sand is a layer of ironstone pebbles, and this combination of sand, ironstone, and cooling winds gives both perfume and structure to the wines.

VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage was the third wet year in a row, leading to an overall cool and late vintage. These conditions really suited the MMAD vineyards, increasing soil health and developing perfectly healthy grapes.

VINIFICATION

The fruit was hand-picked. A mix of crushed and whole bunch fruit was fermented in both concrete and large format old oak to provide texture to the wine. The wine was then matured in large format old oak for 14 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The wine combines finesse from the whole-bunch component with more texture from the crushed fruit, and an array of characters including citrus peel, kumquat, wet stone, hessian, and sea-spray. The palate is long and framed by crisp acidity. The wine has exciting ageing potential and is an intense and singular expression of old vine Chenin Blanc.