

MMAD Vineyard,
Blewitt Springs Chenin Blanc 2024
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	0.7g/L
Acidity	5.3g/L
Wine pH	3.38
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

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 2024 season began with a cool, wet winter that replenished soils and set the vines up for a healthy start, followed by a mild, even growing season that proved ideal for Chenin Blanc. These balanced conditions allowed the fruit to ripen slowly and steadily, resulting in excellent flavour intensity, bright natural acidity and a finely structured, expressive vintage.

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 displays finesse from the cool growing season, such as citrus peel, white jasmine, wet stone, hessian, and sea-spray. The palate is long and framed by crisp acidity.