

# THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW



## Single District Grenache 2013

McLaren Vale, Grenache (100%)

### The Name

This part of McLaren Vale was originally known as Bellevue, which is French for beautiful view. The d'Arenberg winery, cellar door and restaurant is located in this region and the view from the property lives up to the name.

### The Vintage

A warm and dry Spring and Summer followed by further dry conditions throughout harvest meant a number of things. Firstly disease pressure was negligible, the vast majority of fruit being very clean. Secondly yields were down. Finally ripening happened relatively quickly. From a quality perspective in regards to Shiraz, these conditions produced wines of incredible colour and flavour. Dark, brooding wines with great volumes of fruit and layers of chewy, velvety tannin structure. Big, concentrated wines but beautifully balanced.

### The Winemaking

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to five tonne headed down open fermenters. These batches remain separate until final blending. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation. The wine is then basket pressed and transferred to a mixture of new and used French oak barriques to complete fermentation. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, and there is no racking until final blending. Only the best Grenache blocks from each vintage are selected to be part of the Amazing Sites range.

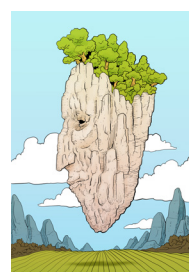
### The Characteristics

Generous, earthy, opulent Grenache. Classic d'Arenberg, displaying an abundance of sweet (mulberry, plum, blueberry) and savoury (roasted meat, mushroom and peaty) fruits, mounted on a mouth-watering framework of fine gritty tannins. Powerful and complex, yet incredibly well balanced. The lavish mid palate fruit is craftily paired to a lively natural acidity which reshapes the wine upon its finish leaving it long and lingering. Each subsequent tasting of this wine will reveal completely new characters such as its complexity. Gently decant and allow it to linger in your glass to be rewarded by its full potential.

### The District

**Soil** Sand and loam on sandstone, loam on limestone, sand on clay.

The Beautiful View district is located to the north and west of the McLaren Vale township. The vineyards that contribute to this wine are located on the same property as the d'Arenberg winery. The district has an altitude of 120m above sea level and a geology of 34 to 56 million year old Blanche Point Formation with a Tortachilla Limestone base. It produces Grenache with complex earthy characters, fleshy fruits and long grainy mineral tannins.



Harvest dates	7 Mar - 9 Mar	Alcohol	14.0%
Residual sugar	0.9 g/l	Titrateable acid	6.8
pH	3.40	Oak maturation	20 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton