

THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW

Single District Grenache 2014

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.

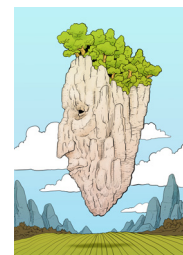
The Characteristics

A tamed beast. The colour is dark and deep ruby with a brick red rim. Forest floor aromas, clay pot, liquorice, toasted spices, rhubarb and an edge of black cherries. Just one sip and you deep dive into an intriguing full bodied wine with an array of black and red fruits, woody spices and some smoky notes. Once you peeled these outer layers you will find a core of warm earthy flavours with hints of game and a delicacy of concentrated cherry jam. The oak treatment is impeccable, bringing complexity and savory characters and still allowing the fresh fruits to come forward. The minerality of the tannins brings an exquisite freshness that makes the finish lingering, powerful and yet refreshing at same time. Absolutely fantastic now but still can endure a good cellaring time.

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	26 Mar	Alcohol	14.5%
Residual sugar	1.4 g/l	Titrateable acid	6.3
pH	3.59	Oak maturation	20 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton