

# THE STICKS & STONES



## Tempranillo Blend 2020

McLaren Vale, Tempranillo (35%), Tinta Cao (20%), Grenache (20%), Touriga Nacional (15%), Souzao (10%),

### The Name

The inspiration for this name comes from the age-old proverb; 'sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me'. The unusual and quirky names of d'Arenberg's range of wines has never done the winery any harm.

### The Vintage

Quite a wet winter with July, August and September being way above average in rainfall. October, November and December were a little below average and January, February and March were more or less bone dry. Temperatures were mild until late January, so vines seemed to be delayed and harvest appeared like it was again going to be late. However, a few hot days and nights brought the ripening forward with slight sacrifice of acidity. The above average temperatures of February and March and the dryness made everything ripen relatively quickly. Yields appeared on the lighter side, because the heat and dry conditions did reduce them significantly, however they were still quite respectable across all varieties.

### The Winemaking

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to open fermenters to be fermented separately. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation, the wine is basket pressed and transferred to a mixture of new and old French oak to complete fermentation. The barrel ferments are aged on lees, there is no racking until final blending and no fining or filtration.

### The Characteristics

A vibrant purple hue introduces a complex blend of black fruits and herbal freshness. The palate is fantastic. Mulberries, blackberries, hints of liquorice with a nice herbal touch in the end. Fresh and dense at the same time A full bodied red with dusty, earthy tannins.



Harvest dates	28 Feb - 17 Mar	Alcohol	14.0%
Residual sugar	0.8 g/l	Titrateable acid	6.8
pH	3.53	Oak maturation	12 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton