

THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW



Single District Grenache 2022

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

The preceding winter was beautifully wet, flushing the soil of salts and filling the soil profile. Spring too was above average, with rainfalls up until November which was almost completely dry. November was hotter than normal which upset the setting of berries. Just as well as the bunch number was way up. Two inches of rain in early February was much appreciated by the relatively large crops. Where crops were smaller, berry size grew. The heat produced a fast flowering, set, and speedy berry development leading to an early veraison and the equal earliest start of vintage on record. A few days in a row around 35°C in February rapidly ripened early lower cropping vineyards. From then on, the vintage was mild and dry. Average temperatures for autumn were down. Some nice 30°C days late March and early April helped finish ripening of bigger crops and late ripening varieties.

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.

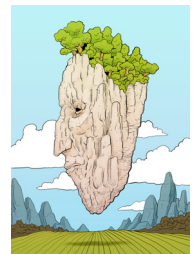
The Characteristics

This wine shows a vibrant ruby red in the glass, with a fragrant nose of raspberry, cracked pepper, and subtle spice layered with a gentle jammy note. The palate leans into a raspberry cheesecake-like texture, combining bright fruit with a soft, rounded creaminess, supported by supple tannins while maintaining an approachable, silky finish.

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	21 Mar	Alcohol	15.5%
Residual sugar	0.9 g/l	Titratable acid	6.1
pH	3.35	Oak maturation	20 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton