

THE TWENTY EIGHT ROAD

Mourvèdre 2014

McLaren Vale, Mourvèdre (100%)



The Name

Twenty Eight Road acts as the eastern boundary of the Osborn vineyard and the d'Arenberg winery. Most of the grapes for this wine are sourced from a 3.6 acre block of bush vine Mourvèdre that runs parallel with the road. The vineyard was planted in 1918 by the first and second generations of the Osborn family.

The Vintage

The season began well with average winter rainfall, Summer conditions were significantly warmer than average with two heatwaves through January testing the limits of the vines. Following the heatwave was rain and cool weather, which helped slow down ripening, and allowed flavour development to catch up to sugar ripeness. White wines from this vintage are fruity and very flavoursome, as are reds with ample tannin to match.

The Winemaking

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed and then transferred to open fermenters. Foot treading is undertaken two thirds of the way through fermentation, the wine is basket pressed and transferred to a mixture of 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

Released slightly earlier than normal, The Twenty Eight Road allowed us to capture the youthful essence of this bright, fragrant wine. The nose is brimming with sweet red fruits, raspberry, cherry and rhubarb. An undercurrent of dried herbs and iodine sheds light onto the complexities that are likely to develop. The palate is youthful and pleasantly light on its feet. Firm but fine tannin's add grip, without overwhelming the fruit. The acid line is precise and mouth-watering. A sprightly and completely drinkable expression of Mourvedre. It will continue to reward with careful cellaring



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| Harvest dates | | Alcohol | 14.5% |
| Residual sugar | 2.0 | Titratable acid | 6.5 |
| pH | 3.53 | Oak maturation | 10 months |
| Chief Winemaker | Chester Osborn | Senior Winemaker | Jack Walton |