

# THE TWENTY EIGHT ROAD

## Mourvèdre 2015

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

A wet winter ensured good sub soil moisture and set up the vines well with healthy canopies. Spring was very dry with above average temperatures, a heavy downpour in January was a welcome relief. Mild conditions during the ripening period produced wines that show an abundance of spicy fruits with great colour and richness. Vintage started on 30 January, the earliest start on record by one day.

### 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

The 28 Road Mourvedre often expresses itself with an array of red fruits but the 2015 seems to added a darker layer to the mix. Hints of black olive, dark cherry and bitter chocolate partner the traditional raspberry, iodine and herb de Provence notes, both on the nose and palate. There is also a distinguishable savoury edge to this wine reminiscent of rosemary, oregano and salt bush. The mouthfeel itself is silky through the mid palate at which point a cluster of fine, chalky tannins kick in building structure and length. Savour this evocative wine as it twists and turns, offering up new flavours with each subsequent tasting.



Harvest dates		Alcohol	14.5%
Residual sugar	1.8 g/l	Titratable acid	6.3
pH	3.49	Oak maturation	10 months
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton