



# HEIRLOOM

## VINEYARDS

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### 2017 ALCALA MCLAREN VALE GRENACHE 2017

Heirloom Vineyards was conceived in vintage 2000, when a young winemaking student caught the eye of a silly old wine judge. A love story ensued inspired by two vows: To preserve the best of tradition, the old world of wine and our unique old vineyards and to champion the best clones of each variety planted in the most appropriate sites embracing the principals of organic and biodynamic farming. Seven long vintages of trial and error passed before Heirloom Vineyards could make a wine that was fine enough to pass on to future generations. That is this wine.

This Heirloom Vineyards Grenache was produced from our best McLaren Vale Vineyard whose clones and viticulture embody the very best in cutting edge but old school viticulture and winemaking. Hand tended vines, sorted bunch by bunch, naturally open fermented, basket-pressed and stored in well seasoned first use French oak barriques from bespoke coopers.

### OUR WINE NOTES

Grenache can be a simple sip or a symphony of the senses, a moment of pleasure or an eternity of contemplation. Only the poet can know, so stop thinking and surrender.

### COLOUR

Beguilingly light in colour it has an intensely lifted aromaticity.

### AROMA

Primary fruits of raspberry, confectionary, yet then a tantalizing and balancing off-sweet aroma that is more meaty and savoury than sweet. The weight of the wine is effortless, as if a ballerina perfectly en pointe.

### PALATE

Berry fruit flavours are subtly seasoned with oak's spice, before the mid palate is refreshed with cooling acidity. The acidity carries the wine's flavours through to palate's end.

### OVERALL

This is a quiet, assured wine; not loud. The fruit speaks, and in sentences arranged by clever winemaking. "And still they wondered and their wonder grew that a wine so young could carry all it knew."

Alcohol 14.5% (8.6 Standard Drinks)

WINEMAKER Rosie Signer

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