

HEIRLOOM

VINEYARDS

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All wine comes in at the mouth
and love comes in at the eye;
that's all we shall know for truth
before we grow old and die
I lift the glass to my mouth,
I look at you, and sigh

*WB Yeats from The Green Helmet
and Other Poems (1910)*

2017 McLaren Vale Alcala Grenache

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 McLaren Vale 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 French and American oak barriques from bespoke coopers.

HEIRLOOM 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

A burgundy hue and an inkier ruby red colour closer to the center of the glass.

AROMA

This Heirloom Vineyards McLaren Vale Grenache has elementary fruits of raspberry and mulberry, but its site also offers some very unique and distinctive aromas of blackberry and intriguing notes of a spice and pepper, and the perfume of blueberries. The palate is cool, fresh and lightly, but persistently fruity and very zingy. The finish is fine, natural and unforced. This is a masterful essay in winemaking and sense of place. It's a delicious, confident drink.

PALATE

Initially intense sweet fruit of cherries and ripe raspberries, but balanced by a tangy acidity, spice from the French and American Oak and an integrated tannin structure. This is a masterful essay in winemaking and sense of place. It's a delicious, confident drink. There is some cream and spice from the French and American Oak but it's all about the pure fruit. Whole bunch extended maceration, integrated and balanced with fruit.

OVERALL

An extraordinary Grenache from McLaren Vale that will cellar well – 10, 20, 30+ or more years, but is so deliciously perfect now any argument for delayed gratification is almost academic.

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