

HANCOCK & HANCOCK



My first experience in McLaren Vale was in 1962, when as a student winemaker I worked a vintage in the region. It was then that began for me a lifelong attraction for the country side of the Southern Vales, the rolling hills and wide flat valleys along with the proximity to the Southern Ocean combined to give the region a special sense of place. Add to this the wines – the plump luscious Shiraz, the rich robust Cabernet Sauvignon and the powerful yet delicate Grenache and you have an irresistible heady mix which keeps calling you back.

We have a vineyard in McLaren Vale quite near the village, a special place that took half a lifetime to find. Old vines, some more the 80 years of age planted on a South East facing slope, protected from strong winds and facing the gentle moving sun.

The vines (Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon) are planted in three distinct soil types at the top middle and bottom sections of the hillside, so we find different characteristics from each of the vineyard sections giving added complexity and interest to the wine we make.

We farm in a sustainable manner with passion and care, also on the property we have a small wildlife refuge and large beautiful rose garden – the noble pasture of the grapevine.

The vineyard is our special place but McLaren Vale is truly our 'Home' vineyard.

Chris Hancock

McLAREN VALE GRENACHE ROSÉ 2016

Winemaker: Chris Hancock

Region: McLaren Vale, South Australia

Varietals: 100% Grenache

Vintage Notes: Around average rainfall for the Winter of 2015 was followed by an exceptionally dry spring. November was cooler but December was hot. Well set bunches resulted in potentially larger crops and the rain event in later January allowed the vines to drink plentifully, filling out bunches and delaying harvest. 2016 will be remembered as a great year for both winemakers and grape growers alike, good weights, great wines and even better optimism!

Winemaking Notes: Clean ferment using Rhone yeasts (Sryah & Clos) to help promote those savoury characters. Fined after ferment and held cold, filtered to bottle.

Tasting Note: Definitive Grenache on the nose, lifted boiled lollies, candied sweet aromas lots of lovely tartness on the palate of pomegranate and sour cherry. A hint of sugar to complement that acid. Enjoy now to 2 years of age.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alc/vol:	13 %
pH:	3.01
RS:	4.32 g/L
TA:	5.85 g/L
CLOSURE:	Stelvin Lux