

Estate Series Grenache Rosé 2022

McLaren Vale





BACKGROUND

First planted by founder, Nick Holmes, over 30 years ago, Shottesbrooke takes its name from an estate in Berkshire, England, where Nick's grandfather was vicar of the parish from 1905 to 1926. Today, the people, the place and the soul proudly come together and are displayed each carefully crafted wine that sits within the Shottesbrooke range.

With premium fruit sourced from carefully selected sites around McLaren Vale and the Adelaide Hills, the Estate Series proudly displays the fusion of hands-on vineyard practices with the passion we have for making wines of character and depth, whilst remaining true to the hallmark Shottesbrooke style of elegance and finesse.

Vineyards

The 2022 growing season mirrored key similarities to 2021. A cool wet Winter set up the vines well, but the unseasonal mild Spring delayed budburst and the associated winds proved difficult during flowering.

An extended ripening period due to lower-than-average Summer weather provided good conditions for flavour development and the resultant wines are balanced with excellent colour and drinkability.

Winemaking

Throughout crushing and pressing, the fruit/juice was given a CO2 cover to prevent any hint of oxidation in the free-run juice. Only minimal skin contact was permitted during pressing to control phenolic extraction and ensure a beautiful vibrant colour was achieved.

The free-run juice extraction was halted early to reduce excessive tannin, and was sent to stainless steel tanks to ensure freshness was retained and fruit expression was enhanced. The additional pressings were filled into one-year-old French oak barrels (without being fined) to allow a natural ferment from the wild yeast to occur (80% tank, 20% oak). Both parcels of wine remained on lees with daily bâtonnage to develop ideal mouthfeel and texture.

This wine is a 100% purpose-made rosé characterised by its subtle pink hue. Its savoury palate, dry style and enticing aromatics were achieved by using our rare old vine Grenache resource.

Tasting Notes

Colour	Pale pink wit	Pale pink with a soft rose hue.		
Nose	, ,	A tempting fresh nose (strawberry, guava, with a touch of savouriness) in contrast to a softer palate.		
Palate		Soft in the approach but finishing with a straight juicy acid core and a touch of grip from the remaining phenolics.		
Cellaring	Chill and enj	Chill and enjoy straight away.		
Food Match	Seared scall	Seared scallops with lemon caper sauce & lightly roasted asparagus.		
Alcohol: 12.5%		Harvest Date : March 2022	Bottling Date : November 2022	
pH : 3.11		Titratable Acidity : 5.48 g/L	Residual Sugar : 3.8 g/L	