

# CHALK HILL

## McLAREN VALE

### 2016 CHALK HILL SYRAH TASTING NOTE



VINTAGE: 2015

VARIETY: 100% Shiraz

VINEYARD: Block 126 Hickenbotham Vineyard, Clarendon, Elevation 320 mtrs

VINEYARD NOTES: A superb vineyard nestled in the cooler foothills of Clarendon, which is located in the North East corner of McLaren Vale. It's a mature vineyard and has wonderful bruit red fruits with high levels of perfume.

WINEMAKING: Hand picked in the cool of the morning, 30% of the fruit is kept as whole bunches in the ferment. Using wild yeast as the fermenting agent, the wine goes through a gentle ferment of 12 days before being transferred to a combination of 2nd and 3rd use French Oak barrels. The barrels are a combination of 500L puncheons and 300L hogsheads. The wine is kept for 14 months in oak prior to bottling.

#### THE WINE

COLOUR: Bright crimson with red hues.

AROMA: Highly perfumed with bright red fruits, floral notes, combining with spice and a hint of French vanilla.

TASTE: A beautifully balanced wine with brambly red currants and dark cherries. It's a textural wine with fine silky tannins and a long lingering finish.

DRINKING WINDOW: The wine drinks beautifully young highlighting the vibrant fruits and perfume. It will cellar well for 5-10 years comfortably. From 2023 the tannins will have softened and integrated, then it will start developing some aged characters over the coming years.

ALCOHOL: 14%



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