



# 2020 MCLAREN VALE GRENACHE

## **GRENACHE SOURCED FROM RENDE VINEYARD BLEWITT SPRINGS, MCLAREN VALE**

The Vanguardist range represents the epitome of what we are about. Pushing the realms of standard winemaking to deliver intrigue, excitement and utmost quality...without any loss of sense of place. Ultimate dedication to the craft of viticulture and winemaking, encapsulated in a bottle – through our lens.

### **VINEYARD AND WINERY**

The Grenache that produces this wine comes from an outstanding vineyard in Blewitt Springs. A hidden gem of sorts, the high 'Silver Sands' vineyard was planted by Robert Rende and his father Michael some 50+ years ago. The summer of 2020 was the third hot and dry vintage in succession. Small patches of rain during critical moments helped the vines remain vibrant, yet crops were just a little above 50% of long-term average (18HL/Ha). The final wine sees around 50% whole bunch, slightly less than the past couple of releases.

A three-year-old 2200 litre Slavonian oak foudre, plus two French oak puncheons housed the wine for about 14 months post press, before the wine was bottled without fining or filtration.



**350 dozen produced + 20 x 3 litre**  
**Closure: DIAM Origine 10 49x24.2mm**  
**FSO2: at bottling 24ppm**  
**TSO2: 66ppm**  
**pH: 3.60**  
**TA: 5.2g/L**  
**Alcohol: 14.1%**