

Grenache, McLaren Vale

2019 reviews

"Like the wine, don't mind the packaging, like the price."

This is more-ish. The fruit is sweet but it's surrounded by savouriness. Raspberry and/or redcurrant flavours swing into woody herbs. There's finesse to the tannin. Both the wine's freshness and mouthfeel are in a good place. Ticks all around."

91 points, Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front

"The Other Wine Co is a Shaw & Smith offshoot, taking on new regions and styles with bistro wines made for the table. But the wines still show that Shaw & Smith slickness and quality focus. This is definitely a label to keep your eyes open for as I reckon this is the beginning of an exciting set of wines."

The McLaren Vale Grenache is a fleshy, enjoyable style. It has layers of ripe raspberry fruits, with a touch of dried herbs and spice. It's rich and supple with some sandy tannins and a lingering finish. It certainly has the personality to match up with some pink lamb."

90 points, Angus Hughson

2018 reviews

"The back label describes this wine as "fresh, vibrant & spicy". The back label doesn't lie. It serves up varietal grenache in splendid drinking style. So fresh, so vibrant, so easy to hook into. It tastes of raspberry and dry spice, redcurrant and anise. Flings of dry/sweet spice complete the picture, with dry/fine/ripe tannin providing the framework. Easy wine to recommend."

Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front

"An attractively fresh raspberry style with a floral edge, too. The palate has such crunchy and supple fruit presence. Drink now."

92 points, James Suckling

2017 reviews

"A wine so fresh and vibrant, it virtually throws itself from bottle to glass with joyful abandon. Made from almost 50-year-old, low-yielding vines in McLaren Vale — Australia's famed heartland of grenache — the colour is a riot of scarlet and purple. Bright red fruits abound here, red cherries, raspberries and red currants too, while fine grain tannins provide bite and added thrill. If this is "the other" wine then bring it on."

Jane Thomson, The Advertiser

"Medium to full, bright red/purple colour, the bouquet backing up the impression of a light, early-drinking, possibly partly carbonic maceration style. The palate is bright and fresh, clean and fine with light, soft tannins and buckets of early drinkability. Red fruits aplenty: red cherry to raspberry. A gorgeous wine."

Huon Hooke, The Real Review

2016 reviews

"Sourced from 45-year old Blewitt Springs vines – one of the best locations for uplifting Grenache – it has captivating fleshy, spicy and woody aromas, and then engages with fresh and lively flavours, medium-bodied energy and vitality, with decent grippy structure to please bigger red drinkers. Lovely drinking that captivates the season."

Tony Love, The Advertiser

2015 reviews

"This pretty wine is a gracious tumble of fine red fruits backed up by some serious oomph that doesn't dominate. Has a great sense of style and grace, as well as a purity that is rare to see for a wine of this intensity. Walks a line between delicacy and power, and holds it well. A complete package."

The Adelaide Review, Hot 100 Winner