



Cellar Door Exclusive



FRESCA Grenache 2025

The Name

We were looking for a name that reflected an early, easy drinking red that had not been in barrel and so had fresh youthful charm. The word Fresca ticked the box as it is Spanish for “fresh”.

Vintage Conditions

The 2025 vintage in McLaren Vale was one of the driest growing seasons we've experienced since 2006, with warm, drought-like conditions prompting an early and compressed harvest.

The season began in September with warm, dry weather, leading to an early budburst and flowering. Fortunately, our access to water reserves allowed healthy canopy growth, even as the headlands turned to dustbowls. While other parts of South Australia suffered significant frost damage, our vineyards were spared. A moderate summer followed, with only a handful of days over 35°C and just one day reaching 40°C.

These dry conditions brought welcome benefits—exceptionally low disease pressure, balanced yields, and fruit of outstanding quality. The whites are vibrant and well-balanced, while the reds have developed remarkable colour and structure, now resting in oak and promising great depth and longevity.

Harvest commenced a week earlier than 2024, with a condensed vintage we finished with the Maxwell team handpicking some Mataro for our last fruit on the 20th March. One of the first Easter's off that our winemaking team can remember. Overall, an excellent year to stock up your cellar.

Colour & Aroma

Bright garnet red. Red fruits, cherry, raspberry, hints of Turkish delight

Palate

Medium bodied, cherry, raspberry and amaro characters. Juicy, mouth filling and refreshing when slightly chilled in warmer weather.

Pairing

Korean fried chicken served with pickled vegetables.

Technical Notes

Varietal Composition	Region (GI)	Alcohol
Grenache 100%	McLaren Vale	12.5% Alc./Vol.
Residual Sugar	TA	pH
2.98g/L	6.2g/L	3.46

Winemakers

Kate Petering
Mark Maxwell

Winemaking Notes

Grenache picked early to retain natural acidity, brightness and vibrancy. 5-6 day on skins to give a light but bright colour without extracting too many tannins giving a lush fruit forward easy drinking Grenache. Bottled early for a joven-styled wine.