



MAXWELL TASTING NOTE

Premium Range

Grenache Blanc 2026



The Wine

Grenache Blanc is a classical grape variety from the western Mediterranean, therefore well suited to the McLaren Vale region. A beautifully textured white, with hints of saline minerality, and a lovely bright acidity. The addition of a small portion of Roussanne adds a honeyed richness to the palate and enhances texture.

Vintage Conditions

The 2026 vintage in McLaren Vale was characterised by a cool spring and dry growing season, delayed vine development, caused uneven flowering and a later harvest than recent vintages. Below-average rainfall reduced disease pressure, although intermittent humidity and rainfall approaching harvest created some concern; McLaren Vale largely escaped significant rain events. A heatwave in late January coincided with veraison for many varieties, requiring careful fruit selection to ensure only the highest quality fruit reached the winery. Warm summer conditions and cool nights allowed fruit to mature gradually, retaining excellent natural acidity while the extended ripening period promoted even fruit maturity, strong flavour development and varietal expression. Overall, the 2026 vintage is expected to produce wines of excellent balance, intensity and regional character.

Colour & Aroma

Bright, pale straw. Fresh citrus, honeydew and jasmine flower with subtle hints of white peach and nougat.

Palate

The complex palate is both fresh and creamy, think pine/lime splice and nashi with a waxy macadamia like texture. Crisp acidity and minerality drive the palate to long and moreish finish.

Pairing

Seared Yellowfin tuna served with a nicoise salad.

Technical Notes

Varietal Composition	Region (GI)	Alcohol
Grenache Blanc 86% Roussanne 14%	McLaren Vale	12.5 % Alc./Vol.
Residual Sugar	TA	pH
1.4g/L	5.04g/L	3.34

Winemakers

Kirby Gradins
Mark Maxwell

Winemaking Notes

Picked early for bright and fresh characters, wholly stainless steel fermented, small volume of Roussanne blended for mouthfeel and texture..