



Chica Mencía Rosé

2017
McLAREN VALE

THE YEAR THAT: Lightning struck the vineyard
& fried part of the row

HISTORY

With 300 acres of premium grapevines on the Taranga property, the Oliver family has over 50 blocks representing different grape varieties, clones, soil types & vine ages. Each vintage, different varieties & blocks will show their strength and from this has been born the 'SMALL BATCH' range. These wines have been handcrafted to speak of both the variety and the vintage in which they have been produced.

AROMA

Watermelon juice, fairy floss, strawberries and lime

PALATE

Light, fresh, savoury, lemony acid with a bit of raspberry tea like tannin for texture

WINE & VINTAGE

Mencia is a native variety of Spain, in particular the Bierzo region in the north-west of the country. It has been enjoying a rebirth of prominence in its home country, and Oliver's Taranga are the first to plant it in Australia. We are still learning every year, and while the vines are still juvenile, we decided to get our whole cellar door

team on board to learn more about the winemaking process – and as such the 'Chica' Mencia Rose was born! Our winemaker Corrina used a fermentation technique called 'Carbonic Maceration' – a big word, but it basically means that the Chica is super lifted and delicious.

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With the spring leading up to the 2017 vintage being the wettest on record, there were also plenty of storms. All season there were a number of massive lightning storm that got a bit scary. The whole state lost power in some spots for a number of days in September. We had a particularly close lightning hit in November that melted solenoids in the irrigation system, but we couldn't find where it had hit. After a week or so, we began to see a section of dying vines, and we investigated further. A number of the vines were split, the wire was burnt, the dripper lines melted, and the posts cracked open as well. The direct hit vines died, and the new growth was fried off a number of adjacent vines in a circle.

WINEMAKER

Corrina Wright, 6th Generation

SMALL BATCH PRODUCTION

9213 bottles

GRAPE VARIETY

100% Mencia

(pron. MEN-THÉE-A)

REGION

100% McLaren Vale

COLOUR

Pale salmon pink

ALCOHOL

11.5%



WHAT THE WRITERS HAVE TO SAY [2017 VINTAGE]

Bone dry and moreish. I look outside and see blue skies and sunshine - the perfect partner for this. Raspberry, watermelon and red fruit aromas. The back label refers to the 'white of the watermelon' and that's exactly what you taste. And you get that crunch too. A fun and refreshing drink - best I take if outside and soak up that sunshine with a generous glass. Find this.

92/100 - Very good

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