

# Chica Mencía Rosé MCLAREN VALE

THE YEAR THAT: Hugo did his first foot crushing with Grandpa Don

### **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**

Salt cured watermelon, cured meats, fresh lime and hibiscus flower.

### **PALATE**

Flavour bursts from the glass, prosciutto wrapped watermelon, mojito limey palate and loads of texture.

### **WINE & VINTAGE**

Mencia is a native variety of Spain, in particular the Bierzo region in the northwest of the country. It has been enjoying a rebirth of prominance 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.

### THE YEAR THAT .....

Seventh generation Hugo at 5 months old was a core part of the 2018 vintage. From doing grape samples in the baby bjorn with Brioni and Don on the four wheeler, to getting his toes dirty foot tredding the Mencia for this delicious rose!

### WINEMAKER

Corrina Wright, 6th Generation

## SMALL BATCH PRODUCTION

7066 bottles

### **GRAPE VARIETY**

100% Mencia

(pron. MEN-THEE-A)

### **REGION**

100% McLaren Vale

### **COLOUR**

Pale salmon pink

### **ALCOHOL**

12.5%

### WHAT THE WRITERS HAVE TO SAY

'There's more density to the fruit in this edition. The mouthfeel is a little heavier too, but the crunchy red fruit and berries synonymous with previous vintages are certainly there. Bone dry, it's not an overly complex wine, the back label says describes one of its characteristics as the "white bits of the watermelon". And you'd have to agree.

Chill and enjoy with those you love giggling with.

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