



# Chica Mencía Rosé

2020  
McLAREN VALE

THE YEAR THAT: We handpicked the Mencía Rose on  
Valentines Day

## 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.

## WINE & VINTAGE

Mencia is a native variety of Spain, in particular the Bierzo region in the northwest of the country. Oliver's Taranga are the first to plant it in Australia. We decided to get our (mostly female) cellar door team on board to learn about the winemaking process – and as such the 'Chica' was born! Our winemaker Corrina uses a fermentation technique called 'Carbonic Maceration', which results in a lovely aroma & texture on the wine.

## AROMA

Salt cured watermelon, fresh lime and hibiscus flower, gin botanicals, turkish delight and a touch of fairy floss

## PALATE

Flavour bursts from the glass, prosciutto wrapped rockmelon, watermelon mojito, limes, loads of round texture and a savoury dry crisp finish.

## THE YEAR THAT .....

In the Chica Mencía Rose tradition, we get all of the cellar door team out into the vineyard to handpick for us. Luckily this handpick was before the COVID shutdown, and we were all still able to hang out. Valentines day ended up being the perfect date to pick our pretty pink rose!

## WINEMAKER

Corrina Wright, 6th Generation

## SMALL BATCH PRODUCTION

3992 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..2019 VINTAGE

Mencia is one of the most recent arrivals in Aus, hailing from northwest Spain. Vivid crimson-red hue suggests some extraction and/or sweetness. In fact it is dry and fresh with no sign of extraction thanks to foot-crushing and limited maturation in used French oak.

92 points James Halliday

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