



Chica Mencía Rosé

2022
McLAREN VALE

THE YEAR THAT: Our cellar door team hand-picked the 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

Turkish delight, honey eucalyptus lollies, red jubes, orange rind, watermelon, hibiscus flower and a touch of fairy floss.

PALATE

Watermelon margarita, prosciutto wrapped rockmelon, honey dew - all the melons! Generously textured and a mouth watering dry crisp finish.

THE YEAR THAT

Such a romantic start to both the 2022 vintage and this wine- handpicking the Mencia on Valentines Day! We had the whole team out in the vineyard picking, including kids and a number of dogs. Luckily it wasn't too hot, and the day of picking went without a hitch

WINEMAKER

Corrina Wright, 6th Generation

SMALL BATCH PRODUCTION

9323 bottles

GRAPE VARIETY

100% Mencia

(pron. MEN-THÉE-A)

REGION

100% McLaren Vale

COLOUR

Pale salmon pink

ALCOHOL

12.5%



WHAT THE WRITERS HAVE TO SAY..2021 VINTAGE

Spain's fashionable variety Mencia hails from Galicia and environs. Pleasing to see it in these parts and damn, it makes a dry, perky, thirst-slaking, herb-inflected rosé. Lightweight. No sacrifice of flavour. Hand picked early by the team pre-Covid, on Valentine's Day. A mid coral. Red gummy bear, musk and rosewater scents, with a febrile line of acidity and finely etched tannins towing it long and crunchy. 91 points, Ned Goodwin for Halliday Wine Companion, 2021

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