

# THISTLEDOWN WINE COMPANY



## She's Electric Old Vine Single Vineyard

### Grenache 2019

#### McLaren Vale

Some vineyards have a remarkable story to tell and we came upon such a vineyard in late 2016. At the Seaview end of Chapel Hill Rd, its old bush vines contrasted by a planting of much younger Grenache. Apparently, half of the vineyard was burned when a bird caught light on a power line, fell to the ground and set light to the vineyard! We were so glad that some of the amazing old vines are still there for us to use.

#### Vintage Conditions

Right across South Australia, the 2019 vintage will be remembered as a very challenging one. Very dry conditions persisted throughout the growing season while some areas also had to contend with frost, hail and wind – all of which reduced the crop but helped increase concentration and quality. Our rosé was hand-picked in mid-February, before the extreme heat in early March, thus retaining the vibrant red fruits that we sought.

#### Viticulture

Amazing old vines. Fruit hand-picked 1<sup>st</sup> March.

#### Winemaking

The fruit was hand-picked early in the morning of 1st March before swift transport to the winery where we retained 50% whole bunches. A gentle foot pressing helped establish the wild ferment. Once fermented, the wine was transferred to 300 litre used French oak hogsheads where it stayed for 6 m

#### Tasting

Aromatic, fragrant and almost pinot-like, this wine has great energy. Cranberry, spice and wild cherry combine with silky texture to create a beautifully elegant red.

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**Total Acidity:** 5.8 g/l

**pH:** 3.62

**Residual Sugar:** 1 g/l

**SO<sub>2</sub>:** 65 mg/l

**Fining:** None

**Vegan:** Yes

**Vegetarian:** Yes

