

SPRING SEED WINE CO.



SPRING SEED WINES 'GYPSY' 2016 McLAREN VALE BLANC DE BLANCS

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Spring Seed Wines are made from grapes lovingly grown in our family's organic vineyard, located in the premium wine region of McLaren Vale, South Australia. The vineyard was established in the early 1970's by Peter and Anthea Bosworth, and is now owned and run by their son Joch and partner Louise Hemsley-Smith, who began the conversion to organic viticulture in 1995. The vines are fully certified 'A' grade organic by Australian Certified Organic, a process that takes four years and involves yearly audits and random sampling of produce. The Spring Seed Wine labels are unashamedly inspired by vintage flower seed packets created at the turn of the last century. The colour, clarity and beauty of the original seed packets are quite remarkable. We have chosen the Gypsophila image for our Blanc de Blancs. 'Gypsy' is our pet name for this delicate white flower.

Vintage 2016

We had a very dry spring leading up to vintage 2016 and it was windy, too. We expect windy conditions in Willunga, but this was pretty intense. October and December were both pretty warm, whereas November was mild. Very healthy crops were recorded across all varieties in McLaren Vale. We had a huge downpour at the end of January a few days before the whites were due to be picked; this kind of weather event tends to give Joch a sense of tightening around the left chest area, neck and sometimes down the arm. However this 50mm downpour succeeded in refreshing the vines, giving us a few more days before picking and bringing the lawns back from the brink. February was mild with cool nights and March provided pretty good picking conditions, give or take a few warm days.

Winemaking

Gypsy is made using our home grown organic Chardonnay, which is picked early to get some lovely fresh green apple characters and pressed off skins for cool fermentation in stainless steel. Like a well-bred English girl of yesteryear, Gypsy is sent off to finishing school in the Barossa (not Switzerland in this case) to find her fizz, before coming home to be presented to polite society for all to see and admire in her gorgeous packaging.

Tasting Note

'Gypsy' is a classic Blanc de Blancs style, with a pale straw colour (with a hint of green apple), fine mousse and gentle characters of citrus. A splendid wine for celebration, Gypsy is also a versatile wine, try with oysters. Serve chilled.

Technical Details

Vineyard: Dentons
Picking Dates: 1st and 5th February 2016
Alc/ Vol: 12.5%

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