



SPRING SEED WINES, McLAREN VALE

Spring Seed Wines

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, 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.

Joch Bosworth

Joch Bosworth grew up amongst the vines of our family's McLaren Vale vineyard. His keen interest in fishing meant considerable time spent in the nearby waters of the Gulf St Vincent but this was balanced by hard work at home; the young Bosworth was also instrumental in helping his father establish our family's vineyard. Study at Charles Sturt University (Wagga Wagga) yielded an Associate Diploma in Viticulture (1988-1990) and was followed by a world wine tour which took in harvest at Mondavi in the Napa in California and Willamette Valley Vineyards in Oregon. A three year stint as both viticulturist and winemaker at a small Victorian winery (Goonawarra) preceded Joch's return to the vineyard to take over from father Peter in 1994.

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Spring Seed Wine Co produces a Four O'clock Chardonnay, a Sweet William Cabernet Sauvignon and a Scarlet Runner Shiraz from our estate grown, organically certified vineyard. 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 chose three different flower images to adorn each one of our McLaren Vale wines, simply because they are quite lovely. The old-fashioned look of the seed packets (and our labels), and the painstaking attention to detail involved in the creation of the original artwork resonates clearly in the traditional, meticulous practises we employ in both vineyard and winemaking.

Spring Seed Organic Vineyard

Our vineyard is located in the southern foothills of the Mount Lofty Ranges, some 7km due west of the Gulf St Vincent. The Spring Seed vineyard lies at about 130m above sea level. We have some seventy acres of twenty years and older Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, as well as some Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc and Mourvèdre. Grown on their own rootstock, in some of the world's oldest soils, McLaren Vale's benign climate is ideal for growing grapes organically.

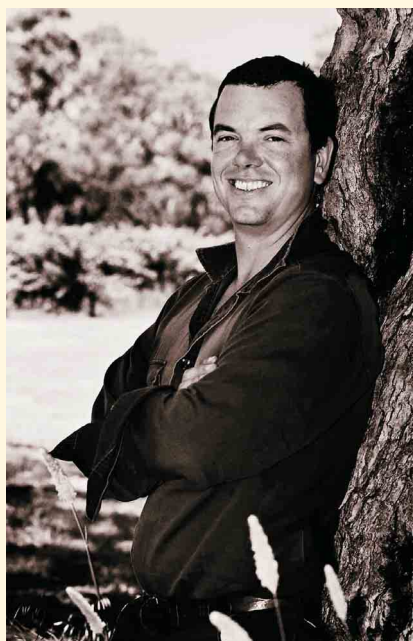
Organic farming is based on minimising the use of external inputs, avoiding the use of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. Our organic philosophy also entails a step back in time to viticultural processes that were used in McLaren Vale in the days before the advent of synthetic chemicals. Dictated by the seasons, we manage our vineyards traditionally to help minimise our impact on the soils and environment, and grow the very best quality grapes we can.

McLaren Vale Wine Region

McLaren Vale has what is best described as a Mediterranean climate; winter dominant rainfall, low relative humidity and high relative evaporation. Rain during vintage and frosts in spring are both rare. Our vines benefit from cooling gully winds in summer and the proximity of the ocean moderates winter temperatures and sea breezes help relieve hot summer afternoons. McLaren Vale is rightly considered one of the most consistent premium wine growing regions in Australia.

Spring Seed Winemaking Rationale

Spring Seed Wines are single vineyard wines that best express the unique characteristics of our foothills site, in a fresh, balanced style which appeals to wine lovers everywhere. Traditional vinification and natural minimal processing, combined with organic viticulture helps us ensure the purity, integrity and flavour of our vineyard in the Spring Seed Wines.



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~ made with organically grown grapes from our vineyard ~