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\$25.00	\$40.00	38%

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2015 Kay Brothers product-timed-pdf - Basket Pressed Grenache McLaren Vale - 93pt Aussie Grenache from a 130-Year Old Winery

Why We're Drinking It

Ready the stems and fire up the barbie, we're taking you down under for some McLaren Vale Grenache! A 93 pointer from the Australian Wine Companion and 91pts from our friends at Wine Enthusiast, this is a pure, refined, bright wine that oozes summer (just wait 'til you read the WE review). And for our price? At just \$25 a bottle (nearly 40% off retail) this is a must-have for those long, warm evenings we can't wait to enjoy (just without the mosquitoes, of course).

The review from Enthusiast sums up this wine to a tee: "A lovely, complex example of why McLaren Vale Grenache deserves more of our attention. Like the last days of summer, this wine smells of drying flowers still on their stalks. Tart cherries, dried leaves, and medicinal herbs come through on the palate, which finishes smokey, like the dying embers of the last barbecue of the season." 91pts

How poetic!

What makes the wine even more special is that it is the oldest winery in McLaren Vale still owned by its founding family. Established in 1890, the Kay family has continued winemaking, passing the torch to each new generation who further honor the tradition and incredible land of their sprawling estate in the foothills of the Southern Mt. Lofty Range.

Spicy acidity and tamed tannins frame the vibrant notes of raspberries, kirsch and cherries. Find subtle hints of roses, warm spice and a quiet undertone of eucalyptus throughout. As James Halliday said, it's "A lovely drink." And ain't that the truth!

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Tasting Notes

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VARIETAL
Grenache
APPELLATION
McLaren Vale
ALCOHOL
14.50
SIZE
750ml
BLEND
Grenache

The Story to Know

Established in 1890 by Australian born brothers Herbert & Frederick Kay, it is the oldest McLaren Vale winery still in the hands of the founding family, with Herbert's grandson Colin Kay continuing the family winemaking tradition. Bordering St. Vincent's Gulf, 24 miles south of Adelaide, the Kay Brothers McLaren Vale vineyards grace the rolling foothills of the Southern Mt. Lofty Ranges. The winery is located at the top of a hill three miles from the McLaren Vale Township & the

cellar door, which is part of the original winery complex, boasts some stunning panoramic views of the surrounding picturesque valleys and hillsides.

The Kay's are specialists of traditional grape growing & winemaking, utilizing grapes from their own 54 acre vineyards to produce their wines. The main grape variety grown is Shiraz (including the 1892 planted Block 6) followed by Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Grenache, Mataro (Mourvedre) & Muscat Blanc. Colin's winemaking philosophy is to make rich full-bodied fruit-driven wines (using the original open fermenters and basket press) with a minimum of 18 months ageing in small American oak casks. The Block 6 Shiraz & Hillside Shiraz spend up to two & a half years maturing in a combination of American, Eastern European and French oak barrels.

Ratings

93pts, James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion

Joyous aromas of molten kirsch, Christmas cake and a sluice of white pepper segue to a rich, fibrous palate honed by peppery acidity and gentle tannins, just tactile enough to tone grenache's hedonistic tendencies. A lovely drink.

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