

Fi Fi Fiano 2021



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McLaren Vale is making it's mark in the wine world by pushing boundaries with mediterranean varieties and creating wines which meet new demands. Finding white varieties suited to the Mediterranean climate has always been one of the greatest challenges and with Fiano that challenge is being met.

As one of Italy's oldest cultivars, Fiano is at home in Campania but can also be found in Basilicata and Sardinia, Italy. The proximity to the coast and warm dry summers of these regions bear a striking similarity to McLaren Vale.

THE VINTAGE

Mostly joyous but not without it's challenges. Good Winter rain led to strong growth with good cover in the mid row and under vine well into Summer. Nervous expectation after two low yielding years muted conversations about the potential for a good year right up until harvest. No disease pressure, good canopes and plentiful bunches lead to a long ripening season. Some varieties tested patience and drew out vintage well into May. The greatest challenge was having enough hours in the day and people to help with harvesting the plentiful and perfectly ripe fruit. What a relief!

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Variety 100% Fiano

Varietal Origin Campania, Southern Italy

Vineyard McLaren Vale

Process Harvested from a neighbours, well established block on the 20th February, settled as juice for 10 days, 50% fermented to dryness in stainless steel and 50% in 3rd use oak. Both parcels with 50% of the blend send to large oak for 8 weeks maturation. Blended back together prior to bottling. Bottled early July, 8100 bottles produced.

Alcohol 13.5%

pH 3.25

TA 8.2

Exotic tropical fruit: custard apple and guava, a summer ocean, brown lime, elderflower, and stone fruits. That's before you take a sip! Then it's all the same on the palate with a supporting chorus of marzipan and loquat.

Composed, silky and medium bodied. The flavours and textures form a raucous concert of complexity. Tastes like a life lived in sight of the sea.

Hard to say but the line, length and body tends to a longer life than first suspected. Drink one today and if you can resist save one for 12 months time.

Such a rarity in our part of the world: a white wine from a warm region, worth thinking about. Serve with Fiona's favourite summer dish: Blue Swimmer Crab Linguine.

FOR THE SENSES

Flavour Profile

Structure and Texture

Cellaring

Serving