

McLAREN VALE – SUMMER 2024

Here are the best.

<p>Fiano (fee-AA-now)</p> <p>From Southern Italy, Fiano has a strong hold in Australia and may soon lose its “alternative” label due to popularity.</p> <p>Pine nuts and cashews, next kafir lime and fresh basil. Spicy food or by itself.</p> <p>- Olivers Tarango</p> <p>We blind tasted four McLaren Vale Fianos and this came out on top.</p> <p>Good feel in the mouth.</p> <p>- Wine Arm</p>	<p>Piquepoul (pic-poul)</p> <p>Originates in Rhone Valley in France. First grown in Australia by Coriole.</p> <p>Lemon nose and fresh acidity.</p> <p>Pairs well with oysters and seafood.</p> <p>- Coriole</p> <p>A summer drinking delight right now.</p> <p>One of a very few alternative varieties to make Hallidays 2023 Top 100.</p> <p>- Wine Arm</p>	<p>Mataro Rosé (muh-TAA-row)</p> <p>A French grape well adapted to the Southern Hemisphere.</p> <p>First planted in 1998 but the first rosé made bottled 8 June 2023.</p> <p>- Hither & Yon</p> <p>Great salmon colour, crisp and dry.</p> <p>Lets hope they make this every year.</p> <p>Chill and enjoy now.</p> <p>- Wine Arm</p>	<p>Mencia Rosé (men-thee-ah)</p> <p>With origins in North West Spain Mencia was first planted in Australia by Olivers Taranga.</p> <p>Ready to drink with or without food.</p> <p>- Olivers Taranga</p> <p>With 50 different blocks making up 300 acres of grapevines there is a lot of alternative grapes.</p> <p>Mencia has qualities not unlike shiraz so Olivers threw some in for spice.</p> <p>Right colour, dry and the drink for summer.</p> <p>- Wine Arm</p>	<p>Carignan (ka-ruh-nyn)</p> <p>First planted in 2014 and originally from Spain, this wine is predicted to age well in the medium term.</p> <p>Real character with a soft, lovely lingering finish.</p> <p>Drink now to 2027.</p> <p>- Hither & Yon</p> <p>Aroma of caramel present on opening.</p> <p>Decanting recommended or save neutrocork for second day “aged” effect.</p> <p>Goes with summer BBQ.</p> <p>- Wine Arm</p>	<p>GSM (Grenace Shiraz, Mataro)</p> <p>Dune Empty Quarter is a medium bodied wine of fragrance and substance.</p> <p>Drink now or to 2027.</p> <p>Pairs well with five spice pork.</p> <p>- Lloyd Brothers</p> <p>Dune is a side project of the Lloyd Brothers from Coriole.</p> <p>Not as dry as Arrakis but Frank Herbert would have approved.</p> <p>Halliday 96 points.</p> <p>Drink now.</p> <p>Slightly chilled if you like.</p> <p>- Wine Arm</p>
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McLaren Vale – South Australia

One of the most accessible wine regions of Australia located just 40kms from Adelaide airport and on the fringe of the suburbs McLaren Vale is a leader in producing quality alternative varieties.

Early to recognize the suitability of the Mediterranean climate were **Coriole** and **d'Arenberg** and later **S.C. Pannell**, **Oliver's Taranga** and **Hither & Yon**.

The success of McLaren Vale **Fiano** is such that the Australia Alternative Varieties Wine Show is about to declare the wine mainstream.

Other varieties like the multi-named Mourvedre / **Mataro** / Monastrell, **Piquepoul**, **Mencia** and **Carignan** are also on the rise but remain produced in smaller quantities.

In the first week of December 2023, we visited McLaren Vale with our favourite Clare Valley grape grower, Patrick Nicholas, who chauffeured us around for the day before we returned to our ship Queen Elizabeth and resumed our voyage from Fremantle to Melbourne.

Hither & Yon have a friendly tasting room in the Southern McLaren Vale town of **Willunga**.

Enjoy the **gardens** and restaurant at **Coriole** and with 80 Cellar Doors there is plenty of choice, however **The Cube** at **d'Arenberg** should not be missed for a tasting and mini adventure.

We lunched at local favourite **The Salopian Inn**. Great food and wine by the glass.

Enjoy our Wine Arm Summer 2024 selection.

Wine Arm - Andrew, Remy, Michael.

We visit, we taste, we buy the best

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