



2010 Chapel Hill il Vescovo Savagnin

Winemakers Comments

Savagnin is a grape variety that is grown almost exclusively in the Jura region in Eastern France. It is a variety that produces a range of wine styles and is renowned for its aromatic qualities and ability to age gracefully.

Our Kangarilla vineyard is located in the foothills at the base of the Mt Lofty Ranges. The subsequent gully winds and elevation ensure a far cooler meso-climate than exists in the McLaren Vale floor. These climatic conditions are perfect for nurturing delicately flavoured white grapes and influenced our decision to establish a block of Savagnin at the vineyard.

The growing season commenced early due to warmer than average winter temperatures. Average rainfall meant that many soils reached field capacity for the first time in three years. This provided the vines with sufficient moisture to support spring growth and to establish the canopies. The weather during vintage period weather was extremely favourable with ripening occurring in an orderly manner.

We decided on a minimal intervention philosophy with Savagnin as we were keen to explore its varietal personality and charm. Savagnin grapes have thicker than usual grape skins and these skins concentrate the desired varietal characteristics. For this reason the hand harvested grapes were gently crushed, chilled and then skin contacted in the press for 4 hours to encourage the extraction of these opulent and textural fruit flavours. A cool ferment was followed by storage for 6 months on yeast lees.

The 2010 il Vescovo Savagnin displays layers of orange blossom and nectarine flavours underpinned by a mineral and zesty palate that is enduringly pure. This is our second release of Savagnin and we look forward with anticipation to the acceptance and enjoyment of this charismatic variety in Australia.



Appellation:	McLaren Vale
Harvest Date:	9th February 2010
Sugar at Harvest:	12.6 ° Baume
Barrel Ageing:	nil
Acidity:	6.6 g/L
Alcohol:	13.0 % v/v
Residual Sugar:	2.0 g/L
Bottling Date:	8th October 2010
Closure:	Screw Cap
Winemaker:	Bryn Richards and Michael Fragos
Viticulturist:	Rachel Steer
