

MMAD

VINEYARD

BLEWITT SPRINGS

2022 CHENIN BLANC

HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION TOP WINERIES
2023 SELECTED BY CAMPBELL MATTINSON

NOVEMBER 2023

FIVE STAR WINERY
NUMBER 99

MCLAREN VALE WINE SHOW 2022

OCTOBER 2023

BEST TRADITIONAL WHITE WINE
BEST SINGLE VINEYARD WINE ANY STYLE (OTHER THAN SHIRAZ)
BEST SMALL PRODUCER
BEST SINGLE VINEYARD VITICULTURIST FROM MURRAY LEAKE

SHANTEH WALE
WINE PILOT

50% of the pickings were crushed and fermented to concrete and 50% was whole-bunch pressed and fermented in large-format seasoned oak. The Blewitt Springs vineyard was planted in 1939 and one does not often taste 80 year+ plus Chenin Blanc in Australia. As of 2022 the vineyard is solely in the management hands of the MMAD team. Flannel flowers, pomelo pith and pumice stone. White apple flesh, nectarine and lemon sorbet. It's delicately floral with marine accents. Driftwood, salt spray and ozonic aromas. A white almond crunch with a briny salinity, the wine coils and stretches along the palate. The interplay of acidity, fine lacey phenolics and great length of flavour is becoming a trademark of style for this wine. Beautifully positioned for drinking with delicate raw seafood.

96 POINTS

NED GOODWIN MW
JAMES SUCKLING

I would imagine that a great deal of cross studies, comparative tastings and with that, cross-pollination has occurred via South Africa. The use of oak, the mineral reductive torque and aromas of cheese cloth, yellow to green plum and gritty sandy finish, reminiscent. Yet this is beautifully saline, mid-weighted and distinctly maritime, as if sucking on desert sand while chewing wild fennel. Very Vale. Increasingly fine. I feel that the textural mandala can be expanded even further. A journey worth following.

93 POINTS

HUON HOOKE
THE RELAL REVIEW

SEPTEMBER 2023

Bright, light yellow hue with a nutty bouquet that reflects some barrel work, combined with creamy, waxy, pastry-like nuances. The wine is bright and intense in the mouth, restrained and quietly persuasive, with a bone-dry balance and refreshing qualities. There's a lot to like here.

93 POINTS