

CELLAR RESERVE  
McLAREN VALE

FIANO

2016

*Penfolds first Fiano - it only took 172 years!*

*Italian origins, McLaren Vale climate & sourcing, Barossa crafted. Opened? Anywhere!*

*A great Summer food wine ... effortlessly doubling up as an aperitif. Bone dry and optimally served chilled ... to icy cold!*

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**OVERVIEW** Penfolds Cellar Reserve wines are alternative, limited release wines that explore the innovative boundaries of viticulture, vinification and style.

Penfolds Cellar Reserve Fiano is sourced from a single vineyard in McLaren Vale and is a unique Australian expression of this grape variety.

**VINEYARD REGION** McLaren Vale

**GRAPE VARIETY** Fiano

**VINTAGE CONDITIONS** Autumn and winter were dry and cool, significantly below long-term averages in McLaren Vale. The record-low rainfall levels prevailed through September to March, with some relief seen only in January and February. Temperatures during spring and early summer were warmer on average which prompted a surge in grapevine growth after a protracted start. The season then progressed phenologically with grapevines moving from budburst to veraison on par with the long-term average, producing promising quality and yield.

**WINE ANALYSES** Alc/Vol: 12% Acidity: 6.6 g/l, pH: 2.96

**LAST TASTED** December 2016

**MATURATION** Stainless steel for 6 months

**COLOUR** Medium Straw

**NOSE** At once, great interest emanates from an ascent of exotic tropical fruits, chiefly guava & lychee with a touch of fresh fig. Further scrutiny reveals freshly grated coconut, blue gum honey and a refreshing splash of cucumber (tzatziki-like!).

**PALATE** Purposely fermented and matured in stainless steel so as not to camouflage the allure of assorted fruits by oak. Yes, this wine is all about the fruit! Those fruits detected on the nose spill over to the flavoursome palate, supplemented by a bonus lemon/lime curd enhancement. All finishing with a perceived soft & rounded acid structure courting a long finish.

**PEAK DRINKING** Now to 2019

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