

# TIR NA N'OG

McLaren Vale

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McLaren VALE

McLaren Vale Flat & Blewitt Springs



John Larchet



## OVERVIEW

Made by John Larchet Wines. As John Larchet says, "This is my very own new label. Inevitably my Irish heritage had to surface. Tir Na N'og (pronounced "Tier nah Nohg") is Gaelic for "Land of the Youth". Irish legends and myths tell of a land where mortal time was suspended and everyone was young and beautiful. A place we all no doubt aspire to live in and worth celebrating with an old vine Grenache."

## WINES

### Tir Na N'og "Old Vines" Grenache 2006

"Fruit sourced from 3 old vine vineyards from low and high elevation in McLaren Vale has again created a 100% Grenache wine that is highly aromatic, with berries galore and hints of exotic spices leaping from the glass. Layer upon layer of fruit is evident sip after sip.

Raspberry, strawberry, blackberry. Delicious, lush and persistent. Great texture. You need not be an expert in Grenache to enjoy this wine. It is simply wonderful."

- John Larchet, Proprietor/Winemaker/Importer

## INFORMATION ON McLAREN VALE

The McLaren Vale wine region is one of Australia's first wine producing areas. Its boundaries to the west are the waters of St Vincents Gulf, east are Clarendon and the Mount Bold reserve, north is Reynella and finally to the south are the Sellicks Hill Range.

Vines were first planted in McLaren Vale in the mid 1800's with pioneers such as Thomas Hardy, John Reynell and Dr. AC Kelly, leading the charge with their passion being for Rhone varieties, notably Shiraz (Syrah), Grenache and Mourvèdre. There was a further wave of plantings to the north of the McLaren Flat initiated primarily by Italian immigrants. These higher elevation vineyards have some of the most treasured Old Vine sources for Grenache.

Soils are of a wide variety, from terra rossa, red brown earths and dark cracking soils. The vineyards have controlled watering with drip irrigation, which allows good control of moisture in the earth.

The summers are warm and the winters moderate. Relative humidity is low an evaporation is relatively high.

## ACCOLADES

### Robert Parker:

2003 94 pts  
2004 92 pts  
2005 91 pts  
2006 90 pts  
2008 90 pts

### Wine Spectator

2003 93 pts  
2004 89 pts  
2005 91 pts  
2006 91 pts

### Stephen Tanzer

2003 88 pts.  
2004 90 pts  
2005 91 pts  
2006 91 pts  
2008 90 pts

"A fabulous new offering from Australia, this brilliant Grenache carries lofty alcohol, but there is not a trace of heat because of the wine's extraordinary concentration." - **Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate**



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