



TIR NA N'OG

2003 OLD VINES GRENACHE MCLAREN VALE

THE STORY BEHIND THE NAME

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.

THE VINEYARDS AND THE WINE

This wine is made from fruit sourced from old vine Grenache vineyards located both on McLaren Flat and up in the higher elevations around Blewitt Springs. This is a dense, dark magical wine. Its youthful character and wonderful intensity of flavor are courtesy of the magic of low yielding old Grenache vines. Despite their age, they fit well in Tir na N'og.

The wine is drinking beautifully now, but is built to age. If you are a lover of Old Vine Grenache, this wine is for you.

John Larchet, Proprietor.





MCLAREN VALE: A GREAT SOURCE OF OLD VINES

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 Mourvedre.

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.

