



## *McLaren Vale*

McLaren Vale is one of Australia's prettiest wine regions. With over 40 wineries in the area, McLaren Vale is also one of the most progressive regions when it comes to wine tourism. It has a newly built Fluerieu Wine Centre where tourists can stop and be guided to some of the best wineries in the world.

It also has the privately owned Limeburners Cottage, a renovated house on the main street. Opened just last year, the cottage has proven to be a tourist drawcard with its bistro style cafe and tasting room.

McLaren Vale has, over the past few years, managed to creep out of the shadow of its giant companion further north, the Barossa Valley. It has developed a style of its own and introduced a number of events such as the Sea and Vines weekend and the McLaren Vale continuous Picnic.

It is one of Australia's best Shiraz producing regions and the home to several well known names in the industry: Seaview; BRL Hardy; Norman's Haselgrove and now Andrew Garrett's McLaren on the Lake.

Haselgrove is now part of the Australian Premium wine group and has

been playing a leading role in spreading the word about the McLaren Vale region to an eager international wine audience. The 1996 "H" Reserve Shiraz was awarded the championship trophy at the International Wine Competition in Sydney earlier this year, beating nearly 1000 premium wines from around the world.

The Ingoldby family has been associated with McLaren Vale for more than 100 years, but it wasn't until 1973 that Jim Ingoldby put the family name on the label of some traditional McLaren Vale wines.

For three years in succession the Ingoldby Cabernet Sauvignon won the trophy for the best Cabernet at the famous McLaren Vale Bush Festival. Ingoldby also began producing a Shiraz - sourced from old vines in the McLaren Vale owned by the company or from growers with long-term contracts.

Chapel Hill is an incredibly beautiful winery up on the top of the region looking down onto the vineyards of the Seaview winery. It is a place where you can just sit and admire the landscape or visit the tasting room to admire the wines. Today with a modern winery, Chapel

Hill winery makes some of Australia's most respected wines and has a secure spot in the hearts of the consumers.

Award winning Normans wines is set to establish an environmental "showpiece" at its new McLaren Vale vineyard. Normans will not only produce more premium quality grapes from the property, but has developed a strategic plan to improve the environment of the area.

Seaview winery is situated 7km north of the McLaren Vale township and 8km from the coast. Seaview Cabernet Sauvignon had the distinction of being one of Australia's first varietal-labelled table wines. Seaview's long established tradition of excellence in producing wines of a consistently high quality and representing exceptional value-for-money, has won the winery a multitude of trophies and medals at major wine shows and numerous international accolades. A visit to the Seaview winery today is a rich experience - both in tasting the wines and in discovering the wineries history.

### **THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS**

**\$9.50**

Seaview Gull Rock Sparkling

**\$12.95**

Ingoldby Cabernet  
Sauvignon Shiraz