



# MENCIA

2025  
McLAREN VALE

THE YEAR THAT: The Rainbow Lorikeets were relentless stealing grapes from the vines

## HISTORY

With 300 acres of premium grapevines on the Taranga property, the Oliver family has over 50 blocks representing different grape varieties, clones, soil types & vine ages. Each vintage, different varieties & blocks will show their strength and from this the 'SMALL BATCH' range was born. These wines have been handcrafted to speak of both the variety and the vintage in which they have been produced.

## WINE & VINTAGE

From its traditional home in Spain this variety is relatively new to Australia and it's packed with flavour. Whip up some Paella and settle in for a long lunch (and a lifelong love affair) with this Spanish beauty. The 2025 harvest started super early and we had a lovely warm growing season.

## AROMA

Dusky floral, potpourri, over-ripe berries, sumac spice, rhubarb, quince and blood plums.

## PALATE

Full of cherry and plum compote, yet balanced by savoury acidity and gritty tannins. Blackberry, wine gums and sarsaparilla melds

with a strong floral element while ending with velvety tannins and freshness. A warm, plush and welcome expression of the variety.

## THE YEAR THAT...

Have you seen our epic 2025 vintage tee design - YEAR OF THE BIRDS - featuring a Rainbow Lorikeet with wings spread? Well, there was a reason 2025 vintage got named 'Year of the Birds' as the Rainbow Lorikeets decided to absolutely hammer the Mencia vineyard, sucking the juice out of berries as soon as they changed colour. They sat in the trees around the vineyard, dive bombing down in their masses, stealing grapes. We had to keep driving past to put them off their attack. Normally, we don't need to net the Mencia vineyard, only the early colouring Tempranillo block next door. We aren't really sure why we were besieged by Rainbow Lorikeets this year in particular. They are very beautiful, but they really started to give us the irritis this year to say the least!

## WINEMAKER

*Corrina*

Corrina Wright, 6th Generation

## SMALL BATCH PRODUCTION

8667 bottles

## GRAPE VARIETY

100% Mencia

(pron. MEN-THÉE-A)

## REGION

100% McLaren Vale

## COLOUR

Bright purple red

## ALCOHOL

14.0%



## WHAT THE WRITERS HAVE TO SAY [2024 VINTAGE]

"Arguably the touchstone for mencia in this country, with the nation's first vines planted by Corrina Wright in 2011. Her first red was made in 2016, so this is the ninth edition – a reasonable survey. Fermented as whole berries in a closed fermenter, this was raised half in tank and half in older French oak. Dusky floral, sultry in its posy of deep red and purple blooms, lilting their perfume over ripe blackberries, plump blueberries, dark spices and humus-rich soil, luscious in its way, but not overdone. It's silkily supple, supported by a brace of fine tannins, and it's another fine release."

93 points, Marcus Ellis, Halliday Wine Companion



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