



d'Arenberg



THE SUN SURFER

Fiano 2026

McLaren Vale, Fiano (100%)

The Name

McLaren Vale is located near some of the best beaches in Australia. This coastal region provides locals with gnarly surf breaks, and a maritime climate perfect for growing Fiano. Much like the energetic coastline, one sip of this refreshing wine will have your neurons surfing sensorial, synaptic brainwaves.

The Vintage

Winter rainfall was above average, with a particularly wet November delivering 121mm of rain, though unusually cool spring temperatures delayed flowering and fruit set in Chardonnay and Shiraz. Most other varieties produced average yields. A dry summer, interrupted by small March rainfall events, was followed by favourable ripening conditions aside from one extreme heat day that caused varying levels of sunburn. Harvest began three and a half weeks later than the previous year. White wines show excellent varietal character, while the reds are slightly less rich than last year but display outstanding varietal expression. Shiraz is the standout, Cabernet is very strong, and Grenache ranges from powerful to more elegant. Overall, the vintage is shaping up to be of exceptional quality.

The Winemaking

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed, chilled, and then basket pressed. Fermentation was long and moderately cool to retain fresh fruit characters, and was conducted in stainless steel tanks. Only free-run juice was used for the final wine with no malolactic fermentation.

The Characteristics

Expressive aromas of guava, white peach, and honeydew melon leap from the glass. The palate is juicy and generous, bursting with flavours of ripe stone fruit and melon. A balanced acid line works in harmony with a creamy yet structured texture, providing excellent backbone and length. A generous, flavour-packed wine with impressive richness and complexity.



Harvest dates	23 - 25 Mar	Alcohol	13.5%
Residual sugar	4.8 g/l	Titrateable acid	6.1
pH	3.26		
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton