



2019 CHN



Variety:	100% Chenin Blanc
Region:	McLaren Vale
Vineyard(s):	Willamba Hill Vineyard, Blewitt Springs
Altitude:	250 meters above sea level
Soil(s):	North Maslin Sands over ironstone/clay
Planted:	1990 on single cordon trellising
Viticulture:	Sustainable
Fermentation:	Open / Wild / Neutral white Burgundy barriques
Elevage:	12 months in 100% 6 year old French barriques

“A pale straw in hue, the wine is heady with Chenin perfume of honey, straw, celery, real lemonade and water chestnut. Soft entry with trim acidity, the wine tightens as it flows across the tongue revealing a lick of saline and oyster shell. Good natural acidity with a tractor beam of chalky, lemon pucker and notes of reglisse on the finish that pull you back for another look.” - Brad Hickey

THE WINE

The fifth single vineyard Chenin Blanc at Brash Higgins. Handpicked fruit from a 30 year old vineyard overlaid with the deep white beach sands distinctive to the famous Blewitt Springs geology begins at the mouth of Maslin Beach (Australia's first unclad beach) and runs some 30km up to the foothills of the Adelaide Hills. It's essentially an ancient, 50 million year old dried-up river estuary. The attempt every year with this wine is to capture some of the brininess and marine fossil notes from the sandy, coastal soils, thus transporting you to the oceanside. The grapes are fermented wild in neutral French barriques for 12 months to achieve this effect. 2019 was a warm year, but Brash picked before the heat to capture the fruit's essential acidity.

THE WINEMAKER

Brad Hickey (Brash Higgins) is a native of Chicago and a transplant of New York City, where he was an old-school Somm on the floor(s) of some of NYC's most iconic restaurants. After a couple trips to Australia, he picked up and moved down under to live and make wine with his partner, Nicole Thorpe. Together they own Omensetter Vineyard (Certified Organic) where they grow fruit for the Brash Higgins label. Brad also purchases some fruit from local, well-respected Growers who adhere to conscious farming. Brad's style is playful yet precise. All of his wines are made with a light hand, and they exude a perfumed and lifted aroma profile.

