



## Fox Creek Background

Owner: Ben Gibson/Jock Harvey

Country: Australia

**Region:** McLaren Vale / South Australia

Founded: 1994

**Description:** Founded in 1994, Fox Creek is an award-winning winery crafting a range of critically-acclaimed wines from McLaren Vale, one of Australia's top wine regions. Noted for authenticity, craftsmanship and a sense of terroir, a number of Fox Creek wines are recognized as Aussie icons. In 2021, the winery was purchased by a trio of industry veterans, ushering an exciting new chapter in the winery's development.

## Wine Notes - 2019 McLaren Vale Postmaster GSM

Fox Creek has been one of Australia's best known artisanal wineries since its founding in 1994 and boasts a rare five-star rating from James Halliday, the leading Australian wine critic. Postmaster GSM was first produced in 2013 and is a lush, elegant mid-weight gem which combines rich, ripe fruit with tremendous balance. The Grenache, which provides, lift, elegant tannins and power, comes from 60- to 80-year old vines and was matured in older French and American oak puncheons. The Shiraz, which adds spice and character, is sourced from 70-year old vines and was aged in 2- to 4-year old French and American oak barrels. The Mouvedre adds a distinct earthiness and was aged in new and used oak puncheons. The result is a bright red beauty featuring notes of cherries, strawberries and cinnamon on the nose with a smooth, balanced palate supported by elegant tannins and a long, focused finish.



**92 Points (2022)** – the wine has good balance, particularly given it is full-bodied. It also has some spicy/savoury notes to give context to its luscious red and purple fruits.

## **Technical Specifications**

**Varietal Composition:** 55% Grenache, 35% Shiraz, 10% Mourvèdre

**Vineyard Region:** South Australia – McLaren Vale

**Production Volume:** 500 cases

**Vineyard Characteristics:** Old vine Grenache (60- to 80-years) and Shiraz (70 years old), sandy

red loams

Winemaking / Hand-harvested grapes, 90/10 destemmed/whole-cluster, 8-10 day Vinification: Fermentation in open top tanks (select yeast), 2-4 weeks skin contact

15 months aging – Shiraz in 2- to 4-year old French / American oak barrels, Grenache in older oak puncheons, Mouvedre in 1- and 2-year

old French / American puncheons, blended post aging, post-

fermentation sulfites added – 60-80 ppm

Alcohol / Volume: 14.5% Acidity: 6.26 g/l Residual Sugar: 3.5 g/l