



Noon

A rich and characterful red from McLaren Vale, Noon Eclipse 2017 delivers Grenache-based intensity with the depth and complexity of a wine built for aging.



Eclipse 2017

McLaren Vale, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The Noon Eclipse 2017 is produced in **McLaren Vale**, South Australia, a region known for its Mediterranean climate, sandy loam soils, and exceptional heritage vines. Noon sources fruit from estate vineyards located near the winery, including some of the oldest **self-rooted Grenache vines** in the country. These vines grow on **well-drained sandy soils over clay**, ideal for low-vigour vine balance and flavour concentration.

The 2017 vintage presented challenges due to climatic variability, and as a result, **fewer Noon wines were produced** that year. Yet Eclipse 2017 still represents a strong expression of the Noon house style, with a focus on **fruit purity, aromatic lift, and generous texture**.

Winemaking

Eclipse 2017 is composed of approximately **80% Grenache**, with the balance made up of **Shiraz and Graciano**. The wine was fermented traditionally in **open-top fermenters**, likely with a portion of whole-bunch Grenache to enhance aromatics and structure, following Noon's established winemaking methods.

After fermentation, the wine was aged in a combination of **large oak formats**, possibly including French demi-muids and foudres, which help preserve freshness while integrating texture and complexity. No fining or filtration is typically applied, preserving the natural expression of the wine.

This vintage was bottled with the intention of **aging gracefully for 10+ years**, with the first signs of development typically appearing around year five.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with developing garnet edges, reflecting its age and structure.
- **Aroma:** Aromas of **black cherry, raspberry coulis, garrigue herbs**, and hints of cured meat and spice. With air, earthy and savoury elements emerge.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and supple, with a generous core of sweet red and black fruit, balanced by **fine tannins and savoury undertones**. The wine walks a line between youthful vibrancy and emerging maturity, offering both immediate pleasure and long-term potential.

Alcohol :15,90 %

Composition: 90% Grenache, 7% Graciano, 3% Syrah



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Did you know?

Eclipse is Noon's flagship wine, crafted each year from the estate's best-performing Grenache vines. Though it shows well in youth, **it is designed for long-term aging**, typically reaching full maturity around **10 years of age**, making the **2017 vintage ideally positioned for current drinking or further cellaring**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Chorizo and chickpea stew:** The wine's spice and fruit richness echo the dish's depth and warmth.
- **Braised lamb shoulder with rosemary and olives:** A rustic match for Eclipse's earthy, Mediterranean profile.
- **Grilled portobello mushrooms with garlic and thyme:** A bold vegetarian option that complements the wine's savoury edge.
- **Hard sheep's milk cheese with fig compote:** A textural and aromatic contrast to highlight the wine's maturity.



Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2017)

The 2017 Eclipse is still fresh and primary, with scents of roses and berry-herb tea. Full-bodied in the mouth yet light in feel, it marries ripe cranberries, raspberries, cherries and garrigue-like notes in an airy voile of silken flavor, then finishes long, with notes of dark chocolate and gentle tannins. This year, the blend is 90% Grenache, 6% Shiraz and 4% Graciano, all aged in previously used wood.



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