

Cape Barren McLaren Vale

OUR VINES – A FEW TECHNICAL DETAILS

The Vines

Rows are typically 11' apart and vines are at 9' spacing, 1089 vines per hectare or 441 vines per acre.

We find it interesting to note the four different trellising systems used over this time, as the vines grew and outgrew the early trellising.

The original trellises were short hand split native hardwood.

Vine Yield per acre

Yield is typically limited to approximately 2 tonne per acre.

Although the vineyard is drip irrigated, this is carefully controlled. The vines are provided with just enough moisture to avoid vine stress, ensure ideal berry size and furthermore enhance quality. Some years bunch thinning is used to control/limit the yield to these low levels.

Climatic data

Mean January Temperature - 21.7C

Annual Rainfall - 656mm

Relative Humidity - 49%

Bright Sunshine - Annual 6.9 hrs/day - Oct-Mar 8.6 hrs/day

Mediterranean Climate - Cool/wet winters, warm/dry summers

During summer Blewitt Springs is influenced by the cooling affect of breezes from Gulf St Vincent, only a few km away.