

NOARLUNGA HERITAGE STUDY
1991

Hope Farm (Seaview Winery)
Chaffeys Road
MCLAREN VALE SA 5171

Item No.: MC14

Statement of Cultural Significance

The site of the earliest grape growing and winemaking in the McLaren Vale district.

Relevant Criteria

A portion of the early 1855 Manning cellar remains and the homestead presumably built for W Craven is a pleasant 1890's building.

Significant Interest

The Vintage House is thought to date from the Manning era.

Recommendation

It is recommended that this item be included on the Register of State Heritage Items.

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Analysis of Significant Interest

Architectural

The homestead probably only dates from W Craven's modernisation in 1892. It is of 10 rooms and built of stone up to window top level then finished in brick. The small building known as the Vintage House could date from George Pitches Manning's time. It is located to the east of the homestead building and is used as a shed. The winery buildings have been altered significantly since the Manning and Craven era's but a feature has been made of a portion of the 'original' hand hewn wall to the Manning cellar.

Historical

In 1850, George Pitches Manning (originally from England) purchased sections 513 and 519 in the Hundred of Willunga. The land was cleared and a brick homestead of 9 rooms was built of local bricks. George planted some grape cuttings and built a small cellar but his main crop was wheat and he grazed cattle. Later as his wheat crop failed, he built a winery (1855) and produced some of the first port and brandy in the colony. George Pitches Manning is hailed as the founder of the wine industry at McLaren Vale. He died in 1872 and the property remained in the family until 1892. Walter Craven then purchased Hope Farm and renamed it 'Hope Vineyards'. He constructed a new dwelling and modernised the winery. He also increased the area of vines under cultivation from 30 acres to 70 acres. Walter Craven became an invalid and his wife Lily employed a neighbour Geoffrey Kay from Clark Hill as Manager in 1924. Geoffrey purchased the business in 1935 and made his home at Hope Vineyard from 1938 to 1948. Ben Chaffey and Alan Ferguson took possession of Hope Vineyards in 1948 and renamed it Benalan. It was again renamed, this time - Seaview, when Alan Ferguson left the partnership and the partnership of Henry Edwards and Ben Chaffey was formed. The complex is now a tasting and museum area rather than a working winery.

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Location

Chaffey's Road, McLaren Vale
(part of Seaview complex)

Mapsheet

AMG Reference

Description

Dwelling, shed and cellar

Land Description

Section 513, 519 Hundred of Willunga
CT2067/18

LGA

Noarlunga

Owner

Edwards and Chaffey Pty Ltd
C/- Penfolds Wines
P O Box 21
Nuriootpa SA 5355

Other Assessments

Heritage Status

References

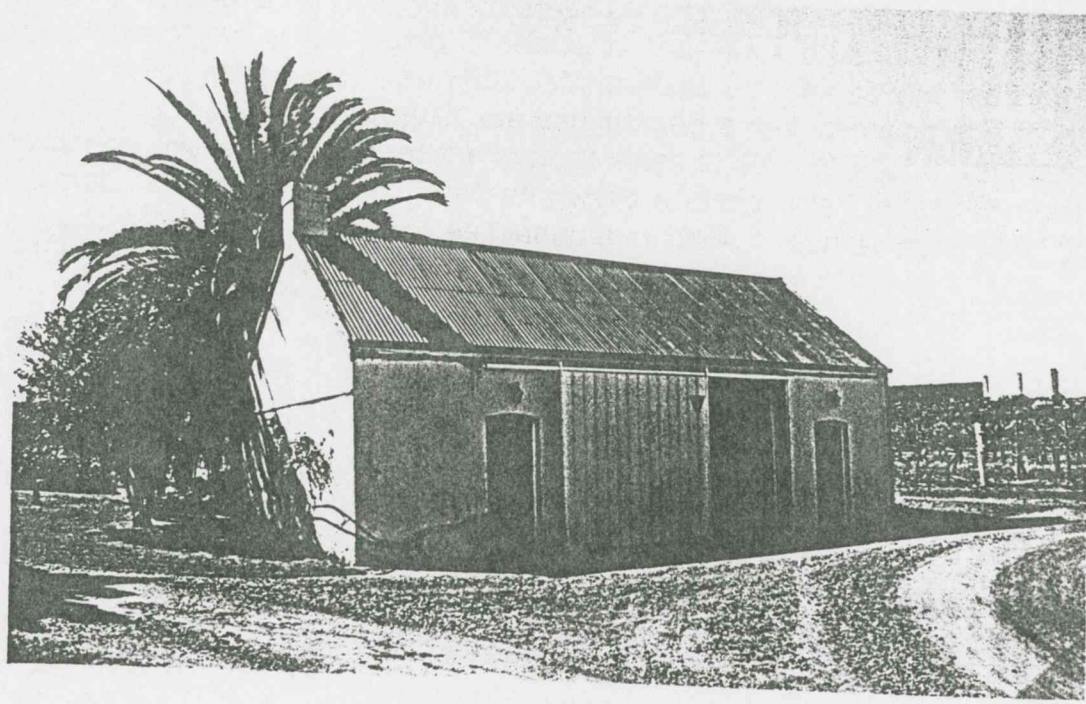
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Photo Record

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