

# STELZER ROAD MERLOT, JJ HAHN

Vintage

2022



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol

14.1

рН	Acidity
3.55	6.7

This wine showcases the lovely softness, elegance and sensitivity that is Merlot. Fruit is sourced from a selection of vineyards in various sub regions of the Barossa (Light Pass, Western Ridge and Eden Valley), adding more interest to the final product.

## TASTING NOTE

Deep ruby colour with garnet hues with pleasant aromas of blackberries, plums, cloves, and hint of oak. Medium-bodied with flavours of juicy blackcurrant, stewed plums, and hints of clover and cinnamon spice. Soft and velvety tannins with a long smooth finish

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2022 vintage was a cool to warm year, with average rainfall. It thankfully remained dry during vintage removing any disease pressure which was great as the harvest picking dates were much later than normal. The resulting wines produced all have great colour and strong flavour with a touch of elegance and amazing tannin structure

## VINIFICATION DETAILS

This fruit is from a combination of our own Marananga vineyard and one in Vine Vale vineyard planted in the 1950's. Picked separately but treated the same way, destemmed whole berries into open fermenters for a 8-10 day ferment then basket pressed to seasoned French & USA hogshead barrels where it finished secondary ferment naturally. Remaining in these barrels for a further 12-14 months, then blended and bottled unfined and unfiltered

AWARDS Halliday: 91 pts

#### **ATTRIBUTES**

