

STELZER ROAD MERLOT, JJ HAHN

Vintage

2019



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol

14.3

pH

3.49

Acidity

6.6

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

This Merlot has a rich deep purple colour, indicative of the variety. The nose displays hints of stewed plums, perfumed violets, cinnamon and cassis. The palate is ripe with intense sweet concentrated fruit which This is a bright and juicy wine with hallmark varietal flavours of stewed plums and blackcurrant, and hints of spice such as clove and cinnamon. It's a soft, easy drinking wine with a long persistence of flavour on the finish, supported by plush tannins.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The warm to hot weather in December 2018 and January 2019 combined with a relatively small crop saw harvest begin mid-February, two weeks earlier than the norm. Throughout the season, the flavour and phenological ripening kept up with the sugar development and despite the challenges of the dry season and in many vineyards limited water, most vineyards ripened what grapes they had evenly and completely, once again proving the tenacity of the grape vine, the terroir of the Barossa and the value of old vines.

VINIFICATION DETAILS

This fruit is from a combination of Binder Estate vineyards in various sub regions of the Barossa Valley, as well as a small percentage of cooler climate fruit sourced from a grower in Eden Valley. Once picked, the grape parcels are fermented in open fermenters with use of heading down boards for optimal extraction for 7 days. The wine is then pumped into French (70%) and American (30%) oak barrels to mature for 10 months before final blending and bottling.

ATTRIBUTES



Origin

Australia



Variety

Merlot



Malolactic Fermentation

Yes



Bottle Size

75cl



Vegetarian

No



Winemaker

Rolf Binder



Fining Agent



Closure

Screw top



Region

Barossa Valley



Vegan

No