

## STELZER ROAD MERLOT, JJ HAHN

Vintage

2018



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 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

After reasonable winter and spring rainfall, soil moisture was adequate during the 2018 growing season and the Barossa's vineyards were exhibiting healthy canopies heading into summer. Jan and Feb were warm and dry, with very warm temperatures in Feb slowing down the pace of ripening, allowing good flavour to develop more slowly. The warm, dry Summer extended throughout the harvest season until the end of April. Overall yields were 10- 20% down, but quality high.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol

14.1

pH

Acidity

3.45

6.7

### 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