



# LIFESTYLE CABERNET MERLOT

## WINE SPECIFICATION

**Vintage** | 2018

**Grape variety** | 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Fer

**Oak maturation** | 100% of the wine is aged in French oak barriques (15% new) for 18 months

**Typical analysis** | 14.0 Alc/Vol

**Release date** | July 2020

## TASTING NOTES

**Colour** | Deep red with red-purple hue.

### Aroma

Concentrated and brooding with a ripe core of blackberry, boysenberry and cassis. There are complex aromas of damp earth, cocoa, bay leaf and integrated cedar oak along with fragrant lavender.

### Palate

Full with a fleshy but firm texture. There are supple fine grain tannins along with balanced acidity. Once again there are ripe fruit characters of boysenberry and blackberry with damp earth, cocoa and cedar oak. A ripe and complex wine with good cellaring potential.

### Food matches

Meat dishes, saucy pastas and cheeses.

**Peak drinking** | Drinking well now but will develop further over the next 5 to 8 years.

## WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

### Viticulture

Fruit is sourced from neighboring properties in the most northern sub-region of Margaret River (Yallingup). Meticulous management of bud numbers and shoot thinning continues to ensure a balanced canopy and full fruit ripeness. The 2018 vintage was a warm year in Margaret River, allowing plenty of time during February and March to ripen the fruit to our specification.

### Winemaking

Each parcel of fruit was gently crushed into small open fermenters with traditional heading down boards where fermentation was carried out under strict temperature controlled conditions. Extraction was achieved by daily draining of wine away from skins and returning back over the top, with fermentation and maceration times varying from 7 to 30 days. The wine was pressed to tank, where 100% was sent to new and older French oak barriques to complete the primary and malo-lactic fermentation.

### Storage/Bottling

After 18 months of ageing, the wine was carefully blended to achieve this friendly Margaret River style. Bottled in a premium claret bottle using a screwcap closure. This closure will ensure the wine retains its youth and fruit integrity.

# CABERNET MERLOT ACHIEVEMENTS

## 2017 CABERNET MERLOT

The National Wine Show of Australia 2019 | **Gold**  
Sydney International Wine Competition 2020 | **Gold**  
Australian Small Winemakers Show 2019 | **Silver**  
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2019 | **Bronze**  
Wine Show of Western Australia 2019 | **Bronze**  
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2019 | **Bronze**

## 2016 CABERNET MERLOT

Royal Sydney Wine Show 2018 | **Silver**  
Margaret River Wine Show 2017 | **Silver**  
Wine Show of Western Australia 2018 | **Bronze**  
Wine Show of Western Australia 2017 | **Bronze**

## 2015 CABERNET MERLOT

Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2017 | **Bronze**  
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2017 | **90 Points**

## 2014 CABERNET MERLOT

Wine Showcase Magazine 2016 | **91 Points**  
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2016 | **Bronze**  
Margaret River Wine Show 2016 | **Bronze**  
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2016 | **Bronze**

## 2013 CABERNET MERLOT

Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2015 | **Gold**  
Australian Small Winemakers Show 2015 | **Silver**  
Rutherglen Wine Show 2015 | **Silver**  
International Wine Challenge 2015 | **Silver**  
Qantas Wine Show of WA Mount Barker 2015 | **Silver**  
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2016 | **90 Points**  
International Wine & Spirit Competition 2015 | **Bronze**  
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2015 | **Bronze**  
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2015 | **Bronze**

## 2012 CABERNET MERLOT

International Wine & Spirits Competition 2014 | **Silver**  
Qantas Wine Show of WA Mount Barker 2014 | **Silver**  
Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2014 | **Silver**  
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2015 | **90 Points**  
Australian Small Winemakers Show 2014 | **Bronze**  
Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2014 | **Bronze**

## 2011 CABERNET MERLOT

WineGenius.com | **95 Points**  
Qantas Mount Barker Wine Show 2013 | **Silver**  
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2013 | **Silver**  
Royal Queensland Wine Show 2013 | **Silver**  
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2014 | **91 Points**  
Gary Walsh, The Wine Front 2014 | **91 Points**  
Huon Hooke 2013 | **91 Points**  
Perth Royal Wine Show 2013 | **Bronze**  
International Wine & Spirits Competition 2013 | **Bronze**  
International Wine Challenge 2013 | **Bronze**  
Margaret River Wine Show 2013 | **Bronze**  
Wine Showcase Magazine August 2013 | **88 Points**  
★★★ Winestate Magazine, July/August Edition 2013

## 2010 CABERNET MERLOT

Australian Small Winemakers Show 2012 | **Silver**  
International Wine Challenge 2012 | **Bronze**  
International Wine & Spirits Competition 2012 | **Bronze**  
Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2012 | **Bronze**  
Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2012 | **Bronze**  
Cowra Wine Show 2012 | **Bronze**

## PREVIOUS VINTAGE ACCOLADES FOR THIS WINE

**Gold Medals 2 | Silver Medals 4 | Bronze Medals 21**

## JAMES HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

2016 Cabernet Merlot - 88 Points  
2015 Cabernet Merlot - 94 Points \*  
2014 Cabernet Merlot - 94 Points \*  
2014 Cabernet Merlot - 95 Points \*  
2013 Cabernet Merlot - 95 Points \*  
2012 Cabernet Merlot - 94 Points \*  
2011 Cabernet Merlot \*  
(Plus Best of Cabernet and Family 2015 List) - 96 Points  
2010 Cabernet Merlot - 95 Points  
2009 Cabernet Merlot - 91 Points  
2008 Cabernet Merlot - 93 Points  
2007 Cabernet Merlot - 90 Points  
2005 Cabernet Merlot - 90 Points  
2004 Cabernet Merlot - 90 Points

\* (Plus selected as a Special Value Wine)