

2015 Terra Rossa Merlot

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“A wonderful Merlot vintage showing beautiful fruit expression and length of flavour”

Phil Lehmann, Winemaker

Viticulture

Our Merlot is sourced from the 'Terry' block of the Parker Coonawarra Estate 'Abbey' vineyard. This small 1.5 hectare sub-section was planted in 1985 and continues to produce fruit with intensity of flavour and strong regional character.

Terra Rossa Merlot is made in limited quantities, and only in those vintages deemed to be outstanding. The terra rossa over limestone soil base of our 'Abbey' vineyard consistently produces low yielding vines which result in fruit with piercing flavours and considerable depth.

Winemaking

Maceration of the Merlot grapes began in the vineyard with the use of a Pellenc Selective Harvester which precisely de-stems the berries as they are picked. The fruit was then fermented in a small close-top fermenter using a portion of whole bunches; a process that adds complexity and depth to the final blend.

The grapes spent 12 days on skins, with regular pump-overs. Post tank pressing, the wine was racked off heavy lees and straight into barrel. Malolactic fermentation took place in 50% new and 50% second-fill and third-fill French oak barriques over the course of twenty months

Tasting Notes

Colour: Deep purple core with red rim

Aroma: Plush mulberry and blackberry, with a touch of earth

Palate: Concentrated and elegant palate abound with rich, savoury flavours. Blackberry, chocolately oak and black olives all thrive. Bright acidity and find chalky tannins.

Analysis

ALC	14%	TA	5.64 g/L
PH	3.45	RS	0.25 g/L
OTHER	Vegan		

