



McGUIGAN
WINES

Come on in



VINTAGE INFORMATION

REGION: South Eastern Australia

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PH: 3.40

ACIDITY: 5.5g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 8.0g/L

OAK:

WINEMAKER: Neil McGuigan

BLACK LABEL

MERLOT 2016

Rich, generous and approachable, the McGuigan Black Label range is your contemporary guide to Australia's most popular wine varieties. Whether it be a refreshing Sauvignon Blanc, a full-bodied Chardonnay or Australia's #1 selling bottled red wine, McGuigan Black Label Red, every bottle of McGuigan Black Label is packed full of varietal flavour, proving that you need not be a connoisseur to enjoy the wine of your choice for any occasion.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The fruit for this wine was sourced from our vineyards in South Eastern Australia. The climate is hot with high evaporation rates and generally low rainfall, making irrigation essential. The climate is also continental, resulting in long sunny days and noticeably cooler nights. Long sunshine hours ensure fruit ripens fully and low relative humidity results in little incidence of disease.

WINEMAKING

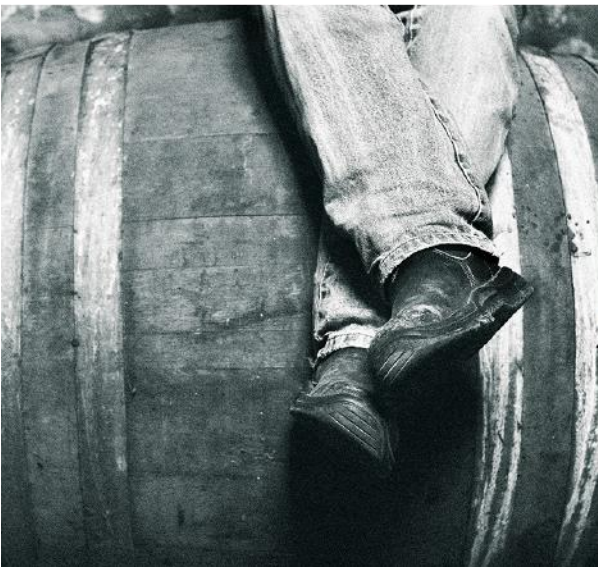
Merlot was originally used as a blending variety, often forming the major component. It tends to be lower in tannins, thus adding some softness to other more powerful reds. Recently it has become increasingly popular as a single varietal. Australian merlots come in many styles although all predominantly feature rich plum flavours. On its own, merlot produces a smooth rich wine and this is a prime example.

The grapes were crushed and de-stemmed where it was then fermented on oak for 5 to 7 days. The majority of the wine is then matured in stainless steel tanks with a percentage of the wine transferred onto French and American oak. Components are then selected, blended, stabilised and clarified before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Deep cherry red with purple hues, the nose has lifted spiced fruit, plum, and blueberry with layers of chocolate and sweet spice. Soft and elegant with spiced fruit characters, generous weight, and good length of flavour with a sweet oak finish.

The soft velvety texture of merlot makes it a great partner for a range of dishes featuring red meat, pork and chicken.



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