

# 2021 cabernet merlot

**Colour:** Ruby red

**Aroma:** Blackberry fruit with integrated toasty oak

**Palate:** Dark fruit characters, forest floor and spice with integrated tannins and oak

## Winemaking

Premium parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot fruit were fermented in rotary and static fermenters. Following fermentation on skins for seven to ten days they were gently pressed after which the wine was matured with French oak for 4 months before blending and bottling. The resulting wine has excellent depth of colour, richness and complexity.

## Vintage

The conditions leading up to the 2021 vintage were warm and dry, with strong winds during flowering reducing crop levels in some varieties. The 2021 summer was one of the mildest in the past twenty years with minimal rain, leading to steady fruit development and low disease pressure. Solid varietal flavours can be seen across all varieties with bright, spicy reds and clean, aromatic whites.

## Enjoy with

Slow cooked lamb with plum sauce, tagliatelle pasta with bolognese sauce

**Vintage:** 2021

**Varietals:** Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot

**Region:** Murray Darling

**Cellaring:** Best enjoyed in 1-2 years

**Alc/vol:** 14%

**pH:** 3.50-3.7

**Acidity:** 5-6 g/l

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