



## THE SCOOTER MERLOT

### 2012 Tech Sheet

The grapes for the Scooter come from the biodynamic Gemtree vineyards. They have partnered with us for 9 years, and grow their grapes according to the Marquis Vineyard Watering Programme. The grapes were harvested on 24th March. We used 90% American and 10% French Oak when fermenting and maturing the wine and it has developed a lovely silky texture and velvety tannins.

### Scores & Reviews

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2012 The Scooter Merlot opens with ripe plum and mulberry aromas laced with some vanilla, blueberry compote, Christmas cake and baking spice notes. Full-bodied with great softness in the mouth, it offers plenty of mouth-filling fruit flavor and a long finish. Drink it now to 2018. *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate*

Smooth and sleek, with precisely defined cherry and bay leaf flavors, finishing with gentle persistence. Drink now. *Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator*

- 2012 Winestate 4 stars
- 2010 WA 90 pts;
- 2009 WA 90 pts; South Australian Wine of the Year Awards; Winner of the Consumers Choice Award in the 'Other Reds' category
- 2008 WA 90 pts;
- 2007 WA 91 pts;
- 2006 WA 91 pts & 'Excellent Value under \$25';



**MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT**  
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**Required: 65% - 70% Actual: 68%**

Marquis Fruit Weight™ is the percentage of your palate (from the tip of your tongue going all the way back) that's covered by the velvety sensation of fruit, before you experience any of the structural components of the wine.

Wine Name: The Scooter  
Vintage: 2012  
Country: Australia

Region: McLaren Vale, South Australia

Grape Varietal: Merlot

Barrel fermented and matured:  
90% American oak; 10% French  
38% new; 62% one year old

Alc/Vol: 14.5%  
Residual sugar: 3.4  
pH: 3.46

Production: 1,015 doz

RRP: \$25

Label: The Scooter is Sparky, who used to race 30 kilometers on a big tyre scooter.