



THE SCOOTER MERLOT

2014 Tech Sheet



MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT

Our guarantee of quality

Required: 65% - 70% Actual: 70%

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.

Vineyards:
Long Gully Road
McLaren Vale

Sustainably Grown
Picked 5th - 10th April

Barrel fermented and matured:
92% American oak; 8% French
22% new; 70% one year old; 8% two year old

Alc/Vol: 15%
Residual sugar: 3.4
pH: 3.55

RRP: \$28

Who is **The Scooter**?

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

Viticulture Report

Almost the perfect vintage. We had heat in January, some rain in February just when we needed it, and perfect ripening weather in March with temperatures in the mid 20s (77F). The openness of the canopies and ventilation in the fruit zone gave us lovely clean fruit.

Winery Report

Most of our fruit came in in April, producing great colour and depth, and the Fruit Weights looked impressive from the get go. The reds went through primary and malolactic fermentation and barrel maturation in record time. The resulting 2014 wines are amazing.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

The Scooter attracts attention with its deep violet colour and profound fruit flavour. A perfumed nose of dark cherries, fresh plum and touches of caramel lead the way to a silky mouth feel of softened red currants and licorice spice. The subtle tannins, cedar oak and balance of rich fruit, beautifully exemplify this McLaren Vale Merlot.

Awards

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