



THE SCOOTER MERLOT

2015 Tech Sheet



MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT *Our guarantee of quality*

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.

Vineyards

Long Gully Road, McLaren Vale

Sustainably Grown
Picked 14th April

Barrel fermented and matured:
95% American oak; 5% French
20% new; 62% 1yr old; 18% 2yr old

Alc/Vol: 15%
Residual sugar: 2.8
pH: 3.39

RRP: \$28

Who is **The Scooter**?

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

Vintage Report

Vintage began slightly earlier than usual on the 23rd February and went on to be one of our most exciting and challenging vintages to date. An unseasonably dry spring produced an early budburst and still conditions gave the fruit a chance to set in beautifully. Heat spikes in January followed by 11 days over 35°C/95°F in the first 23 days of February, meant that careful monitoring of the vine's health using the Marquis Vineyard Watering Programme™ was integral in producing high quality grapes.

Despite the seasonal challenges, we harvested a total of 1026.24 tonnes and processed 72 individual parcels of fruit. Due to our scrupulous Fruit Weight™ guidelines and our commitment to excellence, this year's fruit did not achieve the required Fruit Weight™ necessary to make the Enchanted Path, Carnival of Love and Velvet Glove. On the bright side, this meant that some incredible fruit was used to make our 2015 Lefty and Family wines. Combining quality fruit with some very clever and methodical winemaking, the results are simply outstanding.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

Deep red in colour, the Scooter exudes fresh berries and spice. Layers of redcurrants and fresh plums are laced with hints of chocolate and coffee. This youthful McLaren Merlot finishes off with cherry, aniseed spice and a seamless structure defined by silky tannins with just a hint of cedar oak. An absolute beauty.

Awards

- 2014 Winestate 4.5 stars
- 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'