



THE SCOOTER MERLOT

2016 Tech Sheet



MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT
Our guarantee of quality

Required: 65% - 70% Actual: 67%

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 21st April

Barrel fermented and matured:
96% American oak; 4% French
19% new; 41% 1yr old; 40% 2yr old

Alc/Vol: 15.5%
Residual sugar: 3.0
pH: 3.50

RRP: \$28

Vegan Friendly

Who is **The Scooter**?

The Scooter was named after Sparky who raced a big tyre scooter when he was younger.

Vintage Report

2016 was Mollydooker's biggest vintage to date, with a total 1437 tonne of grapes crushed and into barrel. Budburst was a week later than usual, but veraison and harvesting were generally right on cue, despite several heat spikes (up to 42°C/107°F) early in the season.

To handle the extra fruit we decided to increase our fermentation capacity in the winery, this meant that a lot of work needed to be completed before the fruit arrived. Much thought and a whole lot of manpower went into creating four new temperature controlled 10 tonne fermenters. The tanks were installed just one week before the fruit arrived, phew!

Our first pick was our McLaren Vale Verdelho in the third week of February. The last time we made The Violinist Verdelho was in 2013, so it was exciting to see its return in 2016. The arrival of all our red grapes were fortunately well spaced out, which allowed the winemakers ample space to handle the fruit in the winery. During March and April the weather remained mild which was perfect for grape maturation, allowing the flavour and Fruit Weight™ to consistently increase week by week. The ferments were well behaved and finished off beautifully in barrel, allowing early oak integration and added complexity in the wines.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

This vibrant and lifted Merlot exudes rich plum flavours with undertones of both red and dark fruits with a soft touch of oak. As the wine develops in the glass, layers of chocolate, nutmeg, cinnamon and cardamom spices come to the fore. The soft mouthfeel and tannin integration allow for all the beautiful flavours of this wine to shine through.

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'