



**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**

McLaren Vale:

Coppermine Road, Long Gully Road, Fragos, Ryans Road, Seaview Road, Reedy Creek, Hawthorne Ridge, Booths, Martins Road, Mongrel Hill & Mollydooker Home Langhorne Creek: Birchmore & Joppich

> Sustainably Grown Picked 6th April - 5th May

Barrel fermented and matured: 97% American oak; 3% French oak 35% new; 55% 1yr old; 10% 2yr old

The Blend: 69% Shiraz, 16% Merlot & 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

> Alc/Vol: 16% Residual sugar: 2.8 pH: 3.58

> > **RRP: S28**

Vegan Friendly

What is **Two Left Feet**?

Two Left Feet is what can happen when you dance after a glass or two of Mollydooker.

## **Vintage Report**

With heavy rain in the McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek regions during July, we saw a massive 31% increase in rainfall. These cold, wet conditions continued through to early summer, becoming the defining features of the 2017 vintage. Budburst and flowering were both delayed, resulting in a later harvest than normal. In the lead up to harvest there were concerns of mildew and botrytis affecting the grape quality, however due to our open canopies allowing air flow and perfect summer temperatures, our grapes were not affected.

The quality of our Verdelho crops this year was second to none. Our new early pick Verdelho, exclusive to our Cellar Door, received excellent feedback. All our red varieties produced extraordinary results, with many blocks achieving greater yields and higher Fruit Weights™ than ever before. Our total crop yield came in at 1363 tonnes, a result of the success of our Marquis Vineyard Watering Programme<sup>TM</sup>.

The Fruit Weight<sup>TM</sup> and flavours needed time to develop in the vineyards before we could begin crafting the wines in the winery. Our patience was well rewarded with plenty of bright, vibrant fruit. Primary ferments were vigorous and healthy; some were cooled to 3.5c to slow down the fermentation to allow maximum colour and flavour to be extracted from the skins. 2017 was one of our biggest and most successful vintages to

## **Winemaker Tasting Notes**

Once again, the seamless blend of Shiraz, Merlot and Cabernet has created a wickedly enticing wine that exceeds expectations. Elevated aromatics are undeniably evident; cherry, violets and clove leap boldly from the glass. Full, rounded flavours of rich plum, creamy vanilla and spice are effortless in their presence, creating a blend that will encompass your palate and keep you wanting more.

## **Awards**

2016 WA 91; WS 90; Winestate 4 stars

2015 WS 91

2014 WS 91; Winestate 4 stars

2013 WS 90

2012 WS 90 and 'Top Value Wine'; Winestate 4.5 stars

WS 92 and 'Smart Buy'; Winestate 4 stars and 'Top in Class' 2011

2010 WA 90; WS 90

2009 WA 91+; WS 90

2008 WA 90

2007 **WA93** 

2006 WA 93 and 'Excellent Value under \$25'; WS 90

2005 WA 94 and 'Best Buy under \$20'; WS 90