



THE MAÎTRE D' CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2017 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

McLaren Vale:
Coppermine Road, Martins Road & Long Gully Road

Sustainably Grown
Picked 2nd May– 5th May

Barrel fermented and matured:
86% American oak; 14% French oak
34% new; 45% 1yr old; 16% 2yr old

Alc/Vol: 15%
Residual sugar: 2.5
pH: 3.66

RRP: \$28

Vegan Friendly

Who is **The Maître D'**?

The Maître D' was named after Sparky, who put himself through winemaking college as a left handed Maître D'.

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™.

The Fruit Weight™ 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 date.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

Vibrant and generous; the 2017 Maître D' is abundant with juicy red fruit that rolls playfully across the palate. Blackberries, milk chocolate and soft herbaceous notes make this wine deliciously aromatic. Subtle tannins and fragrant oak reside quietly in the background as flavours of raspberry, plum and mocha give this wine incredible depth and finesse.

Awards

2016	WS 90; Winestate 4.5 stars
2015	WS 90; Winestate 4 stars
2014	WS 90; Winestate 4 stars
2013	WS 92
2012	WS 90 and 'Top Value Wine'
2010	WA 90; WS 90
2008	WA 90
2007	WA 92
2006	WA 91 and 'Excellent Value under \$25'
2005	WA 92 and 'Best Buy under \$20'; WS 90