

LADBROKE *Grove*

2009 CLOVERLEAF MERLOT



Cloverleaf Merlot is an opulent wine with superb complexity. An elegantly structured wine showing the true expression of a single vineyard site in Coonawarra.

Variety:
100% Merlot

Vineyard:
The Killian Vineyard is located on the famous terra rossa soil in central Coonawarra on the V&A Lane. The fruit is sourced from 25 year old vines that are narrow planted and dry grown. Yield is approximately 5 tonnes per hectare.

Vintage Conditions:
The 2009 Vintage commenced later than recent years as a result of close to average temperatures during the growing season. Vintage temperatures were slightly below average providing a long slow ripening period. Wines showed great promise with intense varietal characters, deep colour and soft tannins.

Vinification:
Fermented in open top fermenters, the wine was pumped over twice daily and racked and returned every second day during fermentation. The wine was matured in a mix of new and second fill French barrels for 22 months prior to blending and bottling.

Tasting Notes:
Colour: Deep, very dark plum with a red brick hue.
Aroma: Dark fruits, spiced plum and blackberry with a hint of aniseed.
Palate: Complex, earthy characters are richly layered with blackcurrant and black cherry. Subtle, sweet oak is gently interwoven with vanillin and roasted chestnut. Gentle, fine tannins complement the soft rounded palate structure creating a wine of fine line and persistent length.
Peak drinking: Very approachable now, but careful cellaring will allow further development with bottle age.

Wine Analysis:
Alcohol 13.2%
Total Acidity 5.68g/L
pH 3.41
Residual Sugar 0.9g/L