

LADBROKE *Grove*

2014 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 V&A Lane. The block was planted in 1994 with narrow row planting of 2.0 metres.
Yield was 8 tonnes per hectare.

Vintage Conditions:
The 2014 vintage will be described by most as one of the longest on record starting mid-February and finishing in the first week of May. The winter and spring rainfalls were some of the highest in recent decades. After warm weather in January and early February, moderate days coupled with cool nights allowed for a long ripening period. A return to more stable weather patterns during January and February contributed to a perfect extended dry and mild ripening season for flavour, colour and tannin development which will deliver a classic Coonawarra vintage

Vinification:
Fermented in mix of open top and static fermenters, extended maceration was employed to develop complexity and harmony between the fruit and the tannin structure. The wine was matured in a mix of new and second fill French oak barrels for 22 months prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes:
Colour: Deep crimson with a red brick hue.
Aroma: Dark fruits, spiced plum and blackberry with a hint of aniseed.
Palate: Complex, earthy flavours 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 round 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, up to 7-8 years.

Wine Analysis:

Alcohol 13.5%
Total Acidity 5.78g/L
pH 3.45
Residual Sugar 0.35g/L

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