

Pertaringa

Rifle & Hunt 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon

McLaren Vale

Story: Rifle and Hunt sounds like the beginning of a tale from an early hunting expedition, but the story is really not that complicated. It's more like directions rather than a name, with the Pertaringa property being on the corner of Rifle Range and Hunt Roads in McLaren Vale!

Vintage: The 2016 vintage was in general very mild with low rainfall. The lack of rain looked like it would result in a quick harvest, but a big downpour in early February made sure the vintage was more evenly spread out. The yields were up on the couple of previous years and the quality is looking great.

Nose: The nose is beautifully complex and vibrant with notes of blackcurrants, mulberries and spice.

Palate: The palate is generous with plenty of berry fruit and twists of spice, complemented by fine tannins on the palate.

Pairing: Try with slow cooked lamb shanks with truffle-infused polenta.

Oak maturation: 30% new French oak hogsheads for 20 months.

Cellaring: Drink now to 2028

Winemaker: Shane Harris

Alc: 14.5%	TA: 7.55g/L
pH: 3.48	RS: 3.0g/L