

Pertaringa

McLaren Vale

TASTING NOTE



Stage Left Merlot 2007

Wine This wine is called Stage Left Merlot as the variety has never been centre stage in the vineyard theatre of McLaren Vale. We are certain that, while still being one of the unsung heroes, our audience will be devoted to our gentle, flavoursome new performer. We suggest drinking Stage Left Merlot with good friends, thespian or not, and hope that it will be enjoyed for its unique interpretation of this beloved Bordeaux variety.

The wine is a medium-bodied style with 50% of the fruit originating from our McLaren Vale vineyard - soft and supple, plummy fruit with generous weight - while the other 50% originates from Geoff Hardy's K1 vineyard in the Adelaide Hills. This cooler climate fruit retains higher natural acidity and adds complexity, texture and finesse to the wine. It is essentially the best of both worlds, blended for a superior result.

2007 Vintage The 2007 vintage was very dry due to the drought that was gripping Australia at this time and coupled with mild summer temperatures this has resulted in wine packed full of flavour and character.

Tasting Note The Stage Left Merlot exhibits a deep red crimson colour. The nose showcases lifted mulberry and plum, followed by cassis and blackcurrant underscored by savoury notes and hints of spice on the palate.

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