



# Stage Left 2009 Merlot

Adelaide

## Story

This wine is called Stage Left Merlot as the variety has never been centre stage in the vineyard theatre of McLaren Vale. We think that it should be enjoyed for its unique interpretation of this beloved Bordeaux variety.

## Vintage

The 2009 vintage started off with good, even temperatures and an early drop of rain in December. Hot conditions in January were combated by excellent canopy management before cooler February and March temperatures allowed for an even ripening period post veraison.

## Nose

Blackberry, blackcurrant and mint underpinned by chocolate, Christmas pudding and French oak.

## Palate

Soft and juicy with sun ripened plums, currants and an alluring herbaceous note. Subtle hints of graphite, washed rocks and oak provide texture on the back palate.

## Pairing

Chargrilled kangaroo with charred beetroot, sweet potato mash and lavender and sage butter.

**Winemaker - Shane Harris**

**Alc - 13.5%    TA - 7.09g/L    pH - 3.42**



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