



# *Pertaringa*

**Stage Left 2014**

**Merlot**

***Adelaide***

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**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:** 2014 was a challenging vintage, but it was very interesting to see the vines' methodical reactions to make use of whatever was thrown at them. We were lucky with the timing of the heat and rain - the grapes were still early enough in their ripening cycle to not be hugely affected by the heat and then the rain in mid-February provided a well-earned reprieve.

**Nose:** The nose offers soft aromas of cherries, blueberries and dark chocolate.

**Palate:** The aromas are replicated on the medium-bodied and lively palate with added herbaceous notes.

**Pairing:** Try with chargrilled kangaroo with charred beetroot, sweet potato mash and lavender and sage butter.

**Cellaring:** Drink now to 2022

**Winemaker:** Shane Harris

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**Alc:** 14%

**TA:** 6.41g/L

**pH:** 3.36

**RS:** 3.0g/L

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