

Pertaringa

Stage Left 2015 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: Early winter in 2014 was wetter than usual and the period from August to early January was very dry with above average temperatures. Following some rain and milder temperatures in January, the 2015 harvest started later that month and was quite condensed, resulting in some fabulous white and red wines.

Nose: The nose offers soft aromas of black cherries, plums and blueberries.

Palate: The palate is medium-bodied and lively with notes of cassis, red berries and eucalypt.

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

Cellaring: Drink now to 2023

Winemaker: Shane Harris

Alc: 14.5% TA: 6.53g/L pH: 3.41 RS: 2.8g/L

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