



Pertaringa

Stage Left 2016

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 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 offers beautifully soft aromas of plums, mint and spice.

Palate: The palate is succulent and rounded with darker fruits, chocolate and spice, followed by fine-grained tannins.

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

Cellaring: Drink now to 2024

Winemaker: Shane Harris

Alc: 14.5%

TA: 6.34g/L

pH: 3.37

RS: 2.7g/L
