



# *Pertaringa*

## Stage Left 2018 Merlot

### Adelaide Hills

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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:** The 2018 growing season started slowly, but warmer weather eventually helped to speed things up. Fruit set throughout the region was good and the low rainfall and warm weather from January to April resulted in great sugar development, while a cooler than average March offered ideal night temperatures for colour and flavour development.

**Nose:** The nose offers exciting, fruity aromas of red berries and mint.

**Palate:** The palate is smooth and rich with red fruits, followed by a tight and lingering finish.

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

**Cellaring:** Drink now to 2026

**Winemaker:** Shane Harris

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**Alc:** 13.5%

**TA:** 5.94g/L

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**pH:** 3.45

**RS:** 3.9g/L

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