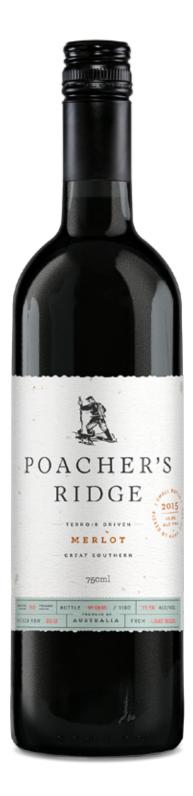




# POACHER'S RIDGE



TERROIR DRIVEN

# MERLOT

Region: Great Southern
Variety: Merlot 100%



## WINEMAKING

Fruit is harvested and crushed into small open fermenters. The cap is plunged by hand three to four times a day to get gentle extraction of fine grained and silky tannins. After fermentation the wine is run off into French oak barrels, 25% being new, for 15 months maturation. The wine is pumped into tank prior to bottling and again minimal fining (egg white) and filtration is carried out.

#### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.5%
pH:	3.52
TA:	6.6 g/L

### COLOUR

Medium red colour with great depth.

#### AROMA

Plum fruits dominate the aromas, and are backed by typical Merlot creaminess and subtle French oak characters.

### **PALATE**

A mid weighted wine that is beautifully balanced with plum fruits and a tight structure. Fine tannins, cedary French oak and balanced acidity give the wine length and drive with a long elegant finish.

## CELLARING

AWARDS/REVIEWS

Enjoy over the next 5 to 8 years.

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