



# 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 obtain gentle extraction of fine grained and silky tannins. Post 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 before being gently fined (egg white) and filtered.

### COLOUR

Bright, mid to deep ruby red.

### AROMA

Lifted aromas of plum and cranberry with underlying spicy, French oak.

### PALATE

Dry, fine tannin and beautifully balanced French oak that provides structure for the varietal fruit flavours of cherry and cranberry. A well integrated and complete example of Merlot with terrific length of flavour.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 12.5%  
pH: 3.5  
TA: 5.5 g/L

### CELLARING

Enjoy over the next 5 years with a wide range of red meats.

### AWARDS

Not shown to date.

### REVIEWS

Not shown to date.

### PRODUCTION

251 cases.