

2021
great southern
MERLOT

Alc/Vol	14.5 %
Harvest Date	24 March 2021
Bottling Date	7 February 2022
pH	3.3
Titration Acidity	6.9 g/L
Colour	Rich garnet red
Nose	Opulent fruit aromas of plum, mulberry, mocha and a hint of brambly leafiness sets the tone for this cool climate Merlot.
Palate	This medium weighted wine is beautifully structured to showcase the underlying plum and berry flavors creating a complex yet nuanced palate. Mulberry, chocolate, cola and spice are all there on the palate, supported by firm yet elegant oak tannins, resulting in naturally balanced acidity and a prolonged, lingering finish. A pleasure to drink now yet will continue to evolve over the next seven to eight years.
Winemaking	The fruit, harvested by machine, was crushed and destemmed before entering a closed fermenter. Throughout the fermentation process, which included 2-3 daily pump-overs, the wine developed its unique profile. After pressing, a light settling phase preceded the transfer to French oak barrels (22% new) for a nine-month maturation period.
Winemaker	Rob Diletti