

2023  
great southern  
**MERLOT**

Alc/Vol	13.5 %
Harvest Date	12 April 2023
Bottling Date	14 February 2024
pH	3.37
Titration Acidity	6.4 g/L

**Colour** A deep garnet-red colour.

**Nose** Aromas of ripe plum, mulberry, and mocha are complemented by gentle brambly notes, capturing the essence of Merlot from the cool-climate Great Southern region.

**Palate** Medium-bodied with elegant structure, the 3drops Merlot offers layered flavours of plum and dark berries. Accents of mulberry, dark chocolate, and spice unfold on the palate, seamlessly integrated with fine-grained oak tannins. The result is a wine with balanced acidity and a refined, lingering finish. While already approachable, it will reward careful cellaring for the next 7 to 8 years.

Perfect alongside roasted meats like lamb or beef, it also pairs beautifully with bolognese pasta, chargrilled vegetables, and aged cheeses.

**Winemaking** The fruit, sourced from our estate vineyard planted in 1999, was crushed and destemmed into a closed fermenter. Fermentation involved 2 to 3 pump-overs per day to build structure and enhance flavour. Following pressing and a brief settling period, the wine was matured in French oak barrels (22% new) for 10 months.

**Winemaker** Rob Diletti