



THE SCOOTER MERLOT

2019 Tech Sheet



MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT
Our guarantee of quality

Required: 65% - 75% Actual: 66%
Marquis Fruit Weight™ is the percentage of your palate (from the tip of your tongue going all the way back) that's covered by the velvety sensation of fruit, before you experience any of the structural components of the wine.

Vineyards

Long Gully Road, McLaren Vale

Sustainably Grown
Picked 20th March

Barrel fermented and matured:
93% American oak; 7% French
33% new; 44% 1yr old; 23% 2yr old

Alc/Vol: 15%
Residual sugar: 0.5
pH: 3.45

RRP: \$30

Vegan Friendly

Who is **The Scooter**?

The Scooter was named after Sparky, who raced a big tyre scooter when he was younger.

Vintage Report

Early spring saw perfect conditions for fruit growth, hinting at a promising start for the 2019 vintage. Budburst occurred in the beginning of September and accelerated through October. Some vines became vulnerable during the November flowering season as a result of cooler, stormy conditions, but as the weather warmed up, ripening of the fruit continued at a nice, steady pace into summer.

Despite a few hot spells of weather in January - with South Australia breaking a number of heat records around the Australia Day holiday - temperatures did eventually stabilise, resulting in ideal growing conditions for the fruit to achieve its optimum colour and flavour.

Picking began at the end of February, and the vintage team worked intensively to ensure all fruit was picked within the perfect window of ripeness. Following fermentation on skins, the fruit was then barrel fermented to ensure that the beautiful oak flavours are integrated into the wine. Subsequent maturation in oak has resulted in full-bodied, vibrant, flavourful wines that are truly demonstrative of the 2019 vintage.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

Fragrant and silky smooth, the 2019 Scooter charms your senses with a nose full of cherries and forest fruits. Fresh plum and sweet berries delight on your first sip, before giving way to spices reminiscent of nutmeg and cinnamon. Finely poised and balanced, the 2019 Scooter's delicate tannins make this Merlot an absolute treat.

Awards

2018	WS 91
2017	WS 92
2016	WA 90; WS 90; Winestate 4.5 stars
2015	WS 90; Winestate 4 stars
2014	WS 90; Winestate 4 stars
2013	WS 92
2012	WS 90 and 'Top Value Wine'
2010	WA 90; WS 90
2008	WA 90
2007	WA 92
2006	WA 91 and 'Excellent Value under \$25'
2005	WA 92 and 'Best Buy under \$20'; WS 90