

Vintage Report

Vintage began slightly earlier than usual on the 23rd February and went on to be one of our most exciting and challenging vintages to date. An unseasonably dry spring produced an early budburst and still conditions gave the fruit a chance to set in beautifully. Heat spikes in January followed by 11 days over 35°C/95°F in the first 23 days of February, meant that careful monitoring of the vine's health using the Marquis Vineyard Watering Programme™ was integral in producing high quality grapes.

Despite the seasonal challenges, we harvested a total of 1026.24 tonnes and processed 72 individual parcels of fruit. Due to our scrupulous Fruit Weight™ guidelines and our commitment to excellence, this year's fruit did not achieve the required Fruit Weight™ necessary to make the Enchanted Path, Carnival of Love and Velvet Glove. On the bright side, this meant that some incredible fruit was used to make our 2015 Lefty and Family wines. Combining quality fruit with some very clever and methodical winemaking, the results are simply outstanding.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

This varietal cabernet shows classic aromas of bright forest fruits and blackcurrant, followed by subtle hints of cardamom and spice. Multi layered flavours of blackberry, choc mint and tobacco are supported by an underlying layer of rich chocolate cream, delicate tannins and a seamless finish that is utterly delicious.

Awards

2014 WS 90; Winestate 5 stars

2013 WS 92; Winestate 5 stars

2012 WA 90+; WS 90; Winestate 4.5 stars

2011 WA 90+; WS 91

2010 WA 92+; WS 91; Winestate 4 stars

2009 WA 93; WS 90; SA Consumers Choice

2007 WA 94; WS 92

2006 WA 95; WS 91



Required: 75% - 80% Actual: 79%

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.

Vineyard

Rivers Lane, McLaren Vale

Sustainably Grown Picked 18th March

Barrel fermented and matured: 82% American oak; 18% French oak 55% new; 45% one year old

> Alc/Vol: 16.5% Residual sugar: 2.8 pH: 3.61

> > RRP: \$49

Who is the **Gigglepot**?
The Gigglepot is Sarah and Sparky's daughter Holly, who couldn't stop laughing with these crazy black glasses on.