



GIGGLEPOT CABERNET SAUVIGNON



2016 Tech Sheet

Vintage Report

2016 was Mollydooker's biggest vintage to date, with a total 1437 tonne of grapes crushed and into barrel. Budburst was a week later than usual, but veraison and harvesting were generally right on cue, despite several heat spikes (up to 107°F) early in the season.

To handle the extra fruit we decided to increase our fermentation capacity in the winery, this meant that a lot of work needed to be completed before the fruit arrived. Much thought and a whole lot of manpower went into creating four new temperature controlled 10 tonne fermenters. The tanks were installed just one week before the fruit arrived, phew!

Our first pick was our McLaren Vale Verdelho in the third week of February. The last time we made The Violinist Verdelho was in 2013, so it was exciting to see its return in 2016. The arrival of all our red grapes were fortunately well spaced out, which allowed the winemakers ample space to handle the fruit in the winery. During March and April the weather remained mild which was perfect for grape maturation, allowing the flavour and Fruit Weight™ to consistently increase week by week. The ferments were well behaved and finished off beautifully in barrel, allowing early oak integration and added complexity in the wines.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

Gigglepot is a vibrant & elegant wine, full of personality. Fortright flavours of raspberry, briar and dried herbs develop into soft layers of mocha and mint on the palate. The nose has cherry & rhubarb notes with a hint of vanilla, complimented by delicate oak elements of toasted coconut and spice. The balance and intensity of the 2016 Gigglepot allows the true personality of McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon to shine.

Awards

- 2016 WS 93
- 2015 Winestate 5 Stars
- 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



MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT
Our guarantee of quality

Required: 75% - 80% Actual: 78%

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 28th April

Barrel fermented and matured:
84% American oak; 16% French oak
50% new; 50% one year old

Alc/Vol: 15.5%
Residual sugar: 2.2
pH: 3.70

RRP: \$50

Vegan Friendly

Who is the Gigglepot?

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