



The Maitre D' Cabernet Sauvignon

Marquis Fruit Weight

Required: 65% - 75%
Actual: 67%

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:

McLaren Vale:
Coppermine Road, Gateway,
Long Gully Road, Ryan Road

Sustainably Grown
Picked 20th March – 25th March

Barrel fermented and matured:
82% American oak; 18% French
45% new; 42% 1yr old; 13% 2yr old

Alc/Vol: 16%
Residual sugar: 0.7
pH: 3.58

RRP: \$30
Vegan Friendly

Who is The Maitre D'?

The Maitre D' was named after Sparky, who put himself through winemaking college as a left handed waiter.

Vintage Report

This was a challenging year in many ways, driving us to think differently across a range of practices and decision making. With lower yields than previous vintages and thanks to our Marquis Watering Program™, we achieved outstanding fruit quality with exceptional flavour concentrations across the entire range.

McLaren Vale had dry weather conditions throughout spring/summer 19/20 and low rainfall. Our Langhorne Creek vineyards (60km west of McLaren Vale) on the other hand encountered significant frost early in spring along with hot and windy weather during flowering. These conditions reduced overall yields for both regions.

During summer, many of our friends and colleagues in the Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island wine regions were hugely impacted by devastating bushfires. Fortunately for us, we were not impacted at all. It was heart-warming to see so many wineries and businesses rally together to support them through this difficult time.

A favourable ripening period for harvest was our silver lining to low yields, resulting in high quality, full-bodied and vibrant wines that reflect the characteristics of our 2020 vintage.

Interestingly, McLaren Vale had a larger crush than the Barossa Valley and Langhorne Creek regions for the first time since 2004.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

The deep blend of red and purple colours and abundant aromas introduce the depth of this Cabernet. Rich and complex in flavour, notes of cherry and blackberry transition to licorice all sorts, cigarbox and mocha all the while maintaining a dimension of sweet fruit. Soft and smooth on the palate, the 2020 Maitre D' balances flavour and structure perfectly.

Awards

2019 WS 92
2018 WA 91; WS 90
2016 WA 90; WS 90; Winestate 4 stars
2015 WS 90
2014 WS 93; Winestate 4 stars