



## THE SCOOTER MERLOT

### 2018 Tech Sheet



**MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT**  
*Our guarantee of quality*

**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.

#### Vintage Report

Starting early March, the 2018 Vintage can be defined by the even ripening that lead to great fermentation conditions. The grapes came into the winery at a steady pace with excellent colour and breadth of flavour shown as soon as the fruit was first crushed. Ferments were easily controlled allowing efficient extraction of tannins and flavours from the skins during pump-overs. Malolactic fermentation moved quickly during the oak maturation phase to reveal the intensity and depth of character of the wines which will be the hall mark of 2018 Vintage.

#### Winemaker Tasting Notes

Brilliant Ruby in colour with a bright cherry and violet nose, the 2018 Scooter is tantalising from the outset. The first sip fills the palate with intense red fruit like raspberries and fresh plum. As these vibrant flavours continue to develop on the palate, soft tannins complement notes of mocha and dried herbs, creating a unique Merlot.

#### Vineyards

McLaren Vale:  
Long Gully Road

Sustainably Grown  
Picked 5<sup>th</sup> April

Barrel fermented and matured:  
90% American, 10% French  
30% New, 55% one year old, 15% two year old

Alc/Vol: 15%  
Residual sugar: 0.5  
pH: 3.55

RRP: \$30

Vegan Friendly

#### Who is **The Scooter**?

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

#### Awards

2018	WS 91
2017	WS 90
2016	WS 90; Winestate 4 stars
2014	Winestate 4.5 stars
2012	Winestate 4 stars
2010	WA 90
2009	WA 90; South Australian Wine of the Year Awards; Winner of the Consumers Choice Award in the 'Other Reds' category
2008	WA 90
2007	WA 91
2006	WA 91 and 'Excellent Value under \$25'