



THE MAITRE D' CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2015 Tech Sheet



MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT *Our guarantee of quality*

Required: 65% - 70% Actual: 68%

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, Ryans Road & Long Gully Road

Sustainably Grown

Picked 9th – 27th March

Barrel fermented and matured:
89% American oak; 11% French
34% new; 50% 1yr old; 16% 2yr old

Alc/Vol: 16%

Residual sugar: 3.2

pH: 3.73

RRP: \$28

Who is **The Maitre D'**?

Sparky, making his way through winemaking college as a left handed Maitre D'.

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

Blackberry, cherry, and coffee on the nose with all the beauty of a classic Cabernet. The palate is full and generous, with intensified flavours becoming evident as it lingers in the glass. A soft and supple mouthfeel gives way to polished tannins and delivers a silky smooth Cabernet Sauvignon that is rich and profound.

Awards

2014	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