



GIGGLEPOT CABERNET SAUVIGNON



2017 Tech Sheet

Vintage Report

With heavy rain in the McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek regions during July, we saw a massive 31% increase in rainfall. These cold, wet conditions continued through to early summer, becoming the defining features of the 2017 vintage. Budburst and flowering were both delayed, resulting in a later harvest than normal. In the lead up to harvest there were concerns of mildew and botrytis affecting the grape quality, however due to our open canopies allowing air flow and perfect summer temperatures, our grapes were not affected.

The quality of our Verdelho crops this year was second to none. Our new early pick Verdelho, exclusive to our Cellar Door, received excellent feedback. All our red varieties produced extraordinary results, with many blocks achieving greater yields and higher Fruit Weights™ than ever before. Our total crop yield came in at 1363 tonnes, a result of the success of our Marquis Vineyard Watering Programme™.

The Fruit Weight™ and flavours needed time to develop in the vineyards before we could begin crafting the wines in the winery. Our patience was well rewarded with plenty of bright, vibrant fruit. Primary ferments were vigorous and healthy; some were cooled to 3.5c to slow down the fermentation to allow maximum colour and flavour to be extracted from the skins. 2017 was one of our biggest and most successful vintages to date.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

The 2017 Gigglepot Cabernet is vibrant yet elegant, with a nose full of juicy red berries and subtle hints of exotic spice. The palate takes you through an array of fruity flavours complemented by the mocha notes that follow and a toasty, savoury aftertaste. Beautifully balanced, the Gigglepot's delicate tannins show restraint allowing the fruit spectrum to shine.

Awards

- 2017 WA 91
- 2016 WA 93; 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% - 85% Actual: 76%

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 27th April

Barrel fermented and matured:
82% American oak; 18% French oak
50% new; 50% one year old

Alc/Vol: 15%
Residual sugar: 2.8
pH: 3.67

RRP: \$55

Vegan Friendly

Who is the Gigglepot?

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