



The Scooter Merlot

Marquis Fruit Weight

Required: 65% - 75%

Actual: 66%

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:

Long Gully Road, McLaren Vale

Sustainably Grown
Picked 26th March

Barrel fermented and matured:
96% American oak, 4% French
32% new, 43% 1yr old, 25% 2yr old

Alc/Vol: 15%
Residual sugar: 0.5
pH: 3.47

RRP: \$30

Vegan Friendly

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

Brilliant Ruby in colour with a bright cherry and violet nose, the 2020 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 cream and dried herbs making this an absolute treat.

Awards

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

Who is The Scooter?

The Scooter was named after Luke & Holly's Dad, Sparky, who raced big wheeled scooters when he was younger.