

GRANT BURGE

Vineyard Hillcot Merlot 2019



Category:	WINE		
Style:	RED WINE		
Variety:	MERLOT		
Region:	SOUTH AUSTRALIA		
Vintage:	2019		
Volume:	750ml		
Vineyard:	Grant Burge was a pioneer of Merlot in the Barossa Valley and planted the first vineyard in the region and called it Hillcot, after the village his ancestors came from in England.		
Vinification:	The fruit was crushed into static overhead fermenters and left on its skins for 6 to 8 days. Selected parcels spent approx. 2 weeks on skins post fermentation. The juice was racked and returned every second day, and pumped over 3 times a day to further intensify the colour and flavour. The wine was then filled to American and European oak 500L puncheon barrels to complete fermentation. Finally it was blended and then transferred back to oak for a further 20 months maturation before bottling.		
Appearance:	Deep red.		
Bouquet:	Strong aromas of cherry and plum, with hints of Christmas mince pies.		
Palate:	The palate mirrors the nose, with sweet vanilla from the oak complementing the Christmas flavours. This wine is full flavoured, yet medium bodied, with elegant, soft and balanced tannins. A typical Barossa Merlot that is rich, luscious and flavoursome, just as Merlot should be.		
Technical Analysis:			
Alcohol:	14.00%	Packaging:	6 x 750ml