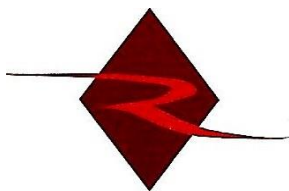


MÉRITE



2015 MERITE MERLOT

Almost all Australian Merlot in the bottle is made from one clone D3V14
MERITE have a parcel of clones that are new to Australia, all originating from France
although some journeyed via Italy (Q45) and Argentina (8R).
These "new clones" in our cool climate region create Merlot of a consistently higher grade and a different
wine style than previously expected of Australian Merlot.

"... The old Aus clone D3V14, generally regarded as poor, and the new clones 8R and Q45 that are seen as the
likely saviours of Merlot with their vastly improved qualities." James Halliday Wine Companion 2019

SITE 40ha vineyard in the Joanna section of Wrattenbully, the northern neighbour to the Coonawarra wine
region, planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Malbec, Merlot.

18ha of Merlot planted to 5 clones (D3v14 in 2000 and 'new' clones 8R, Q45, 181 & 343 in 2006)
each planted on rootstock (grafted) and own roots (ungrafted).

Soil profiles with the 'new clone' Merlot parcel planted in 2006 are

classic Terra Rossa (some areas with a sandier topsoil) over Limestone at varying depths.

Most of this parcel has an iron-rich 3cm plate of clay in the subsoils above the limestone (approx. 1m deep).

A rocky sloping rise, among the highest in the district, with east west facing rows. The site is managed
with sensitivity to the clones and varying soil profiles.

WINEMAKING | Harvest date was determined by Berry Sensory Assessment not Brix or Baume | Clonal
batches of Merlot are managed independently until final blending (assemblage) of all our Merlot wines | Fruit
is mechanically sorted by optical berry sorter, crushed, destemmed and inoculated in the same day of arrival
in the winery. Twice daily pumpovers. Small batch stainless steel fermenters. Pressed after seven days |
Matured in French oak barrels until assemblage in Nov 2016 | Fined, sterile filtered and bottled in Dec 2016 |
Post bottling analysis 14.1 alcohol. 3.32ph. 6.6 T/A

MÉRITE "Something that deserves merit and has an advantage"

The advantage we have: better French clones that are new to Australia

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