

# Merlot 2017

**Product Code: MER17**

**Price: \$35.00**

## **Short Description**

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# Dry Grown Merlot 2017

## OTHER REDS



### 2017 Galafrey Dry Grown Mount Barker Merlot

Original Ag Department merlot clones. 100% seasoned French oak. This is concentrated and dense with classy layering of flavours and lingering length of flavour. '17 was a cool vintage and this is a good representation: fine, elegant and lingering. The nose is redolent of cacao nibs and mulberry... it has intensity and line. A structured and lingering wine. Lovely stuff. EL 13.5% alc.

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## TASTING NOTES

Deep dense colour of dark plum. With aromas of Plums, mulberries, spice, blackcurrant, leather.

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## VINTAGE

While a later than normal start to vintage it was reminiscent of vintages 10 years ago. It has been so dry in previous years I think we all forgot what it was like to have a wet year! A solid vintage with later ripening than recent years. Low Baume with intense flavours shows promise for the whites and softness for the reds, with high quality fruit being produced. A hard but exciting vintage. Galafrey celebrates with their 40th Vintage this year.

## VINEYARD

Fruit sourced from our 41 year old 12 hectare Dry Grown Vineyard. Our old vines are not irrigated; something quite unusual in these days of mass commercial production. Having smaller fruit fosters an intensity of the flavour, with most of the colour and tannin of the grape being concentrated in or near the skin. The characteristically cool climate of the district ensures slow ripening of the grapes, which also allows for the development of rich

flavour and quality grape juice. Grown on ancient gravelly loams, our old vines are all cane pruned and yield 2 tonne per hectare. Galafrey harvest their grapes from mid-March to late April depending on the season.

## WINEMAKING

Mechanically harvested these dry, cool to mild climate grapes of the Great Southern region will produce classic Merlot, wines with great depth of flavour and structure. We endeavour through meticulous viticulture and wine production sympathetic to the vintage conditions to produce a Merlot that will express varietal characters in tune with its sense of place. Left of Skins as long as possible to ensure depth of colour and flavour our winemaking is geared toward producing a wine that is harmonious, with a minimum of two years in quality French oak."