

# PRIMO ESTATE

## 2015 JOSEPH Moda Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

Acclaimed as one of Australia's finest Cabernets since Joe Grilli of Primo Estate released the first vintage in 1987. JOSEPH Moda is a McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot blend made from air dried grapes using the Italian Amarone 'method' or 'moda'

### Joe Grilli's Tasting Note

Intense bouquet of concentrated blackcurrant fruit intermingled with characteristic raisin and cigar box notes. Mouth filling palate of rich, lush blackcurrant wrapped in fine dark chocolate. The palate is silky, poised and just goes on and on, to a gentle finish with lingering cedar oak.

### Vineyard Regions

Our Angel Gully Vineyard in the cool McLaren Vale sub region of Clarendon is rocky and steep with predominantly shale stone soil. This fruit has elegance and acidic structure to balance the rich brooding red berry character and higher tannins of grapes from our warmer McMurtrie Road Vineyard on the valley floor.

### Vintage Conditions

A dry, warm growing season meant early flowering and a very early start to harvest. Good rainfall in early January provided welcome relief then the warm and dry conditions continued through February resulting in a very short, condensed vintage with some of the best quality fruit we have seen in years.

### Winemaking

Using the Italian 'Moda Amarone', whole bunches were dried for one week in open racks under the Cellar Door carport to concentrate the flavours. The partially dried fruit was then crushed into traditional open-topped fermenters with manual pump-over. Open-topped fermentation is at the heart of the JOSEPH red wine style. Joe Grilli says: 'The soul of a red wine is released where air meets the fermenting skins'.

<b>Harvest</b>	Handpicked in February 2015
<b>Grapes</b>	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 100% McLaren Vale
<b>Oak Maturation</b>	18 months aging in a combination of new and aged French and American barriques.
<b>Technical Details</b>	14.5% ABV
<b>Winemakers</b>	Joe Grilli and Daniel Zuzolo
<b>Peak Drinking</b>	Will reward 10 to 15 years of cellaring
<b>Food Matches</b>	Guinea fowl or other game dishes
<b>Retail Price</b>	\$90.00 available nationwide from fine wine merchants



**'Moda is simply one of Australia's finest Cabernets.'**

Andrew Caillard MW  
Langtons



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