

PRIMO ESTATE

2016 JOSEPH CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT MODA

Acclaimed as one of Australia's finest Cabernets since Joe Grilli of Primo Estate released the first vintage in 1987, the JOSEPH Moda is a Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot made from air-dried grapes in the 'moda' (method) of the Italian Amarone wines.

TASTING NOTE

Intense bouquet of concentrated blackcurrant fruit intermingled with characteristic raisin and cigar box notes. Mouth filling palate of rich, lush blueberry wrapped in fine dark cocoa. 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

One of our earliest ever vintages, the dry, warm growing season meant very early flowering while heavy rain in late January provided welcome relief for our dry grown Clarendon vineyard. Yields were below average for most varieties allowing for even ripening. This early, condensed vintage produced top quality fruit.

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.

Harvest February 2016 **Grapes** 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot **Oak** 18 months in a combination of new and aged French and American barriques **Alcohol** 14.5% **Winemakers** Joe Grilli & Daniel Zuzolo **Peak drinking** Will reward 10-15 years of cellaring. **Food** Guinea fowl or game.



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wine and olive oil.

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