

PRIMO ESTATE

2017 JOSEPH NEBBIOLO

Joe Grilli, Primo Estate's owner and winemaker, planted a single hectare of dry-grown Nebbiolo in his Clarendon vineyard in 1998, resulting in a distinctly McLaren Vale interpretation of this beguiling Italian variety.

TASTING NOTE

The wines are becoming more intense each vintage as the vines age. Expansive fragrance of Turkish Delight and roses, overlaid with more delicate notes of spice and violet. Turkish delight is the dominant note on the palate with a long, dry finish.

VINEYARD REGIONS

Our Angel Gully Vineyard in the cool McLaren Vale sub region of Clarendon is rocky and steep with predominantly shale stone soil. The site rises sharply to 300 meters above sea level. The soil and altitude, combined with our labour-intensive viticultural regime, results in a small crop of evenly ripened fruit, just one tonne per acre.

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

Crushed directly 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'. Just six barriques were made, one of them a new French oak barrel from the 'Gamba' cooperage in Asti, Piedmont.

Harvest Handpicked in April 2017 **Grapes** 100% Nebbiolo **Oak** 18 months in a combination of new and aged French oak barriques **Alcohol** 13.0% **Winemakers** Joe Grilli & Tom Garrett **Peak drinking** Will reward 5-10 years of cellaring. **Food** Truffles or slow cooked ox-tail on polenta.



The home of
JOSEPH
wine and olive oil.

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