# PRIMO ESTATE

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MERLOT

MERLESCO

Perfect for sharing with friends on a warm summer evening, Merlesco is a deliciously uncomplicated, juicy and fresh 'little Merlot'. Enjoy this young red lightly chilled and served alfresco over Summer.

#### **TASTING NOTE**

Vibrant bouquet of blackberry, blueberry and cherry fruit. Juicy young forest fruits are balanced by good acidity and soft tannins on the palate. Deliciously refreshing and quaffable.

#### VINEYARD REGIONS

Merlesco combines fruit from our two McLaren Vale vineyards. Our McMurtrie Road Vineyard on the valley floor enjoys sunny days and cooling evening breezes from the nearby ocean. Our Angel Gully Vineyard in the sub-region of Clarendon is the highest vineyard in McLaren Vale and has a long, slow-growing season with cool nights and warm days on shale stone soil.

#### **VINTAGE CONDITIONS**

Hot and dry conditions through Summer resulted in a very short, condensed vintage characterised by excellent fruit quality and a reduced yield.

### WINEMAKING

Night harvesting and stainless-steel fermentation kept the fruit pristine and created a wine that is rich, soft, and full of juicy fruit. Light pumping-over to extract colour was followed by gentle pressing and just four months ageing in old oak barrels to keep the fruit flavours fresh and young.

Harvest February 2020 Oak 4 months in old oak Alcohol 13% Winemakers Joe Grilli & Tom Garrett Peak drinking Drink now! Food Antipasti, pizza or pasta.



