

Where East meets West...a fun, engaging and interesting new world design, ready to cut-through the flow of heavily traditional old world and new world wine labels. A Western Take on a traditional Asian design, the wines are packed with varietal flavour and freshness, ideal for immediate consumption and for any occasion.

## MERLOT 2021

Grape Varieties & Source Merlot ex South Australia

Harvest Date March & April 2021

## Vintage Conditions

Late winter and spring rains in 2020 allowed the canopies to flourish and the vines in the Riverland yielded good crop loads and quality. The summer was mild, without extreme temperature variations, and the cool nights allowed the development of great aromatics and flavours. The red wines produced from 2021 vintage are deeply coloured with classic varietal characteristics.

## Winemaking/Viticulture

Fermentation was carried out in a combination of static and rotary fermenters for a period of six days under warm temperature conditions. This creates a good balance between extracting the appropriate tannin for wine structure and retaining fruit drive and aromatics in the final blend. The wines are stored at 6°C post fermentation to retain the natural colour and aromatics of the variety.

## **Tasting Comments**

Maroon in colour with purple hues. Milk chocolate aromas, plum and bright red berries with subtle cedar and spices. This medium bodied wine starts with vibrant flavours of plums and red cherry and although tightly structured, the finish is rich and generous with persistent fruit flavours. Soft, velvety tannins are a feature of the supple palate.

Alcohol %	13.5
Total Acidity (g/L)	5.41
pН	3.60

