

Reillys

CLARE VALLEY

2017 Dry Land Merlot



Vineyards: St Clare, Leasingham

Cropping: 1.5 T/acre

Fermentation: Open 10 days

Maturation: 2 years, Second use French Oak

Total Acidity: 6.10 g/l

pH: 3.55

Residual Sugar: 3.5 g/l

Alcohol: 14.5%

Best Drinking: Drink now or cellar till 2027

Closure: Screw Cap

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Prolonged fermentation of low yielding Merlot along with maturation for two years in second use French oak and final blending with 10% Dry Land Cabernet Sauvignon has produced a fruit driven wine. Aromas of plum and menthol are followed by dark berries and a hint of mint on the palate. Firm, silky tannins reward at the finish.

PREVIOUS VINTAGE AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

2009 Dry Land Merlot

James Halliday, www.winecompanion.com.au, tasted 29/7/13 "As a medium-bodied red wine with plenty of flavour, good balance and structure, this wine succeeds..."