



THE SCOOTER MERLOT

2014 Tech Sheet



MARQUIS FRUIT WEIGHT
Our guarantee of quality

Required: 65% - 70% Actual: 70%

Marquis Fruit Weight™ is the percentage of your palate (from the tip of your tongue going all the way back) that's covered by the velvety sensation of fruit, before you experience any of the structural components of the wine.

Wine Name: The Scooter
Vintage: 2014
Country: Australia

Region: McLaren Vale, South Australia

Grape Varietal: Merlot
Sustainably Grown
Picked: 5th - 10th April

Barrel fermented and matured:
92% American oak; 8% French
22% new; 70% one year old; 8% two year old

Alc/Vol: 15%
Residual sugar: 3.4
pH: 3.55

RRP: \$28

Label: The Scooter is Sparky, who used to race 30 kilometers on a big tyre scooter.

Vineyards: The grapes for The Scooter come from our sustainably grown Long Gully Road blocks in McLaren Vale. Excitingly, every year they increase in quality. It is a joy to drive past them on the way to work and see how magnificent they are looking.

Viticulture Report: Almost the perfect vintage. We had heat in January, some rain in February just when we needed it, and perfect ripening weather in March with temperatures in the mid 20s (77F). The openness of the canopies and ventilation in the fruit zone gave us lovely clean fruit. We have almost the same amount of wine as we had in the very successful 2012 vintage.

Winery Report: The bulk of our fruit came in in April, possessing great colour and depth, and the Fruit Weights looked impressive from the get go. The reds went through primary and malolactic fermentation and barrel maturation in record time. The resulting 2014 wines are amazing.

Team Tasting Notes: Truly amazing/inspirational Merlot both in the traditional sense and in the Wow and Fruit Weight sense; Delicate, pretty, smooth, bright and elegant; Raspberry, cherry, blueberry, hint of peppercorn; Perfumed berries, violets.

Great with duck, pork, veal, chicken, salmon, trout, blue eyed trevalla and any BBQ.

Pedigree

- 2012 Winestate 4 stars
- 2010 WA 90
- 2009 WA 90; South Australian Wine of the Year Awards; Winner of the Consumers Choice Award in the 'Other Reds' category
- 2008 WA 90
- 2007 WA 91
- 2006 WA 91 & 'Excellent Value under \$25'