



VINTAGE INFORMATION REGION: Limestone Coast,SA ALCOHOL: 13.75% PH: 3.53 ACIDITY: 7.2g/L RESIDUAL SUGAR: 48.4g/L

# CELLAR SELECT

# NOON HARVEST MERLOT 2020

A range of wines that are exclusive to the Cellar Door in the Hunter Valley.

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2020 vintage was amongst the driest years that has been encompassed in Australia. This resulted in extremely restricted yields with a lot higher skin to juice ration than would normally be found in the grapes. As a consequence the wines from the 2020 vintage are firmer than in what can be described as a normal year.

#### WINEMAKING

Fruit was machine harvested into 2 tonne bins and transported from the Bordertown Vineyard in South Australia to our Hunter Valley Winery -this is an 18 hour journey. Once the fruit arrives at the winery it is tipped into a receival hopper using a large rotating head forklift and crushed via a must chiller into red fermenters where yeast is added. At the tail end of ferment the refrigeration is turned on resulting in some non fermented natural sugar being left in the wine, hence the richness on the palate.

### TASTING NOTES

Deep Purple in in colour, our Cellar Select Noon Harvest Merlot has a definitive liquorice all sorts confectionary, blueberry & plum nose. A full-bodied wine with intense berry fruit and dark chocolate flavours on the palate. Strong tannins secondary alcohol richness and refreshing acidity give a rich flesh wine.

The soft velvety texture of Merlot makes it a great partner for a range of dishes, featuring red meat, pork and chicken





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