



PEPPER TREE

14 SHORES

SINGLE VINEYARD 2013 WRATTONBULLY MERLOT

There are fourteen ancient shorelines that mark the retreating ocean from what is now the Naracoorte Range on the Limestone Coast. These shorelines, now hills, harbour the famed red 'Terra Rossa' topsoil over free draining Gambier Limestone. These tough well drained soils provide tiny crops of intensely flavoured Merlot.

Concentrated flavours of black and red berry fruits, highlighted with subtle French oak. A classically medium bodied Merlot, fruit driven with fine tannins and great texture providing a seamless finish.

Winemaker Scott Comyns

VINTAGE

Good rainfall in winter and early spring got the 2013 season off to a great start. Warm dry conditions throughout the growing and ripening season then led to a brilliant 2013 Vintage. All reds were picked in near perfect conditions producing wines with great flavour and balance. Great vintage.

VINEYARD

Wratttonbully adjoins the Coonawarra area in the southern part of the Limestone Coast wine zone. The prominent viticultural feature of the area is the series of ancient beach ridges and dunes which run roughly north-south through the area. These ridges are made up of soft crumbly limestone which weathers to produce the red and brown Terra Rossa clay loam soils so highly prized for grape growing. The ridges and dunes have elevations of up to 30m compared with the Coonawarra Terra Rossa 'high' of less than 5m. The extra elevation on the Wratttonbully dunes produce the advantage of cold air drainage which reduces the risk of frost during the growing season.

APPELLATION/ GI

Wratttonbully (South Australia) 100%

WINEMAKING

Cold soaked for five days before fermentation on skins at 18 - 20 Degrees for 7 days. Maturation for 16 months in selected French oak before blending and bottling.

AWARDS

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Merlot (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	12/2014
PH:	3.36
TA:	7.2 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.2%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.4



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