



PEPPER TREE

8R

SINGLE VINEYARD 2013 WRATTONBULLY MERLOT

8R Merlot is sourced off our Wrattobully Vineyard on the Limestone Coast. This clone has only recently been introduced into Australia. We have separated the fruit from this block as it shows more flavour and intensity with excellent structure.

Beautiful rich soft Merlot characteristics with a firm structure. The palate is loaded with clean red fruit flavours and great texture from maturation in fine French oak.

Winemaker Scott Comyns

VINTAGE

Good rainfall in winter and early spring got the 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

Wrattobully 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 Wrattobully dunes produce the advantage of cold air drainage which reduces the risk of frost during the growing season.

APPELLATION/ GI

Wrattobully (South Australia) 100%

WINEMAKING

Cold soaked for five days before fermentation on skins at 18-20 Degrees for 7 days. Maturation for 15 months in selected French oak before blending and bottling.

AWARDS



Silver - Limestone Coast Wine Show 2017 (Class 25)



Silver - Shanghai International Wine Challenge 2017

TECHNICAL INFORMATION;

BLEND:	Merlot (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	11/2014
BOTTLE NUMBER RANGE:	1 - 3642
PH:	3.44
TA:	7.1g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.0%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.3



JAMES HALLIDAY
AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2016

96 Clone 8R is the best of several promising new clones recently arrived from France, and resets the criteria and agenda for the variety with the precision and intensity of its fruit structure. There are no woolly/plummy flavours, its sparkling red fruits, firmish tannins neatly presented on a platter of quality French oak. its bottle development will be utterly fascinating.

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