

STUMP JUMP

Cabernet Sauvignon (55%) Merlot (45%) McLaren Vale 2014

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It is rumoured that the inventor of the Stump Jump plough, which enabled a ploughshare to jump over tree roots, had poor eyesight and required regular tests to ensure he could still operate machinery. The design of this label is inspired by an optometrist's eyechart and serves as a makeshift sobriety test. If you can hold the bottle at arm's length and still read the front label, you can enjoy another glass.

The Winemaking

The grapes used in this wine are mostly from very old bush vines, and underwent gentle crushing, traditional open tank fermentation, basket pressing and oak maturation prior to bottling.

The Vintage

The season began well with average winter rainfall, Summer conditions were significantly warmer than average with two heatwaves through January testing the limits of the vines. Following the heatwave was rain and cool weather, which helped slow down ripening, and allowed flavour development to catch up to sugar ripeness. White wines from this vintage are fruity and very flavoursome, as are reds with ample tannin to match.

The Wine

Both the nose and palate are packed with blackcurrant and cassis characters typical of Cabernet Sauvignon. These dark fruit notes are laced with hints of subtle, yet cedary oak that boosts the wine's complexity. It shows minty edges and soft, chalky tannins that make for an attractive wine bursting with life.

Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton
Residual sugar	1.5 g/L	Titratable acid	6.7
pH	3.5	Alcohol	14.2%
Harvest dates	7 Mar -29 Apr		

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