

THE STUMP JUMP

Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2012

McLaren Vale, Cabernet Sauvignon (50%) Merlot (50%)



The Name

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 Characteristics

The nose and palate are brimming with purple fruits of cassis, mulberry and violets along with subtle herbal notes of red capsicum and mint. There is a nice cedary edge to the wine adding savouriness and complexity. The mouthfeel is sleek is structured with the purple fruits enveloped in a layer of fine, chalky tannins ensuring the flavours don't overwhelm the palate with sweetness but rather taper into a long and rewarding finish.

The Vintage

A wet summer and winter in set the vines up perfectly for the 2012 vintage. Spring and summer were drier than normal, resulting in lower fruit yields. A small heat burst just prior to veraison assured a solid colour change, small berries and pronounced tannins in the grapes. The red wines from this vintage are black, solid and quite structured, the biggest year for some time; not oily but definitely gutsy.

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.



Alcohol	14.3%	Residual sugar	0.7 g/L
Titrateable acid	8.0	pH	3.37
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton