

THE STUMP JUMP

Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2013

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 Vintage

A warm and dry spring and summer followed by further dry conditions throughout harvest meant a number of things. Firstly disease pressure was negligible, the vast majority of fruit being very clean. Secondly yields were down. Finally ripening happened relatively quickly. From a quality perspective in regards to reds, these conditions produced wines of incredible colour and flavour. Dark, brooding wines with great volumes of fruit and layers of chewy, velvety tannin structure. Big, concentrated wines but beautifully balanced.

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 Characteristics

A wine showing signs of both maturity and youth. Youthful, jubeby, mulberry and blackcurrant notes are slowly turn to wonderfully mature and smooth flavours of sweet, juicy, baked fruits, fresh leather and woody spice. A lovely line of acid runs through the palate bringing freshness and life, combining with the slowly softening tannins to add focus and length. This wine will promises to continue drinking well for another two or three years, possible more with good cellaring conditions. More rewarding than its price would suggest. Enjoy!



Harvest dates	Alcohol	%
Residual sugar	Titrateable acid	
pH	Oak maturation	
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker Jack Walton