PARKER ESTATE

TERRA ROSSA MERLOT 2024

John Parker loved Merlot. It's one of the main grapes in Bordeaux and is the blending partner in some of the world's greatest Cabernet so it was only natural John planted it on the Abbey Estate.

VITICULTURE

Sourced from Jon Kidman's 'Banks Thargo' vineyard nestled on the famous cigar shaped strip of terra rossa soil. This vineyard benefits from the cooling influences of the Southern Ocean due south, which extends the season's ripening season to help craft elegant and complex wines.

WINEMAKING

The small batch parcels of grapes were fermented in open fermenters for 11 days with a small portion undergoing extended maceration to develop flavour and cellaring potential. All parcels completed malolactic fermentation in stainless steel, then were barrelled down to a combination of new (10%), second, third, and fourth use French oak hogsheads in for 12 months maturation.

TASTING NOTES

Colour | Bright crimson, with purple hues.

Aromas | Red fruits, with hints of blackcurrants and dried leaf.

Palate | Red and black fruits continue onto palate with structural, savoury tannins and well-balanced acid.

Merlot has a bad reputation, but you'd rather drink a good Merlot than a bad Cabernet any day of the week. This is just that.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol | 14%
TA | 5.71 g/L
pH | 3.52
Sugar | Dry

Vegan

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