

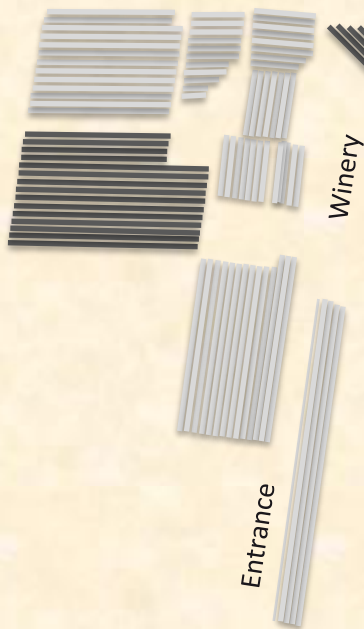
## 2018 Sandalford 1840 Cabernet Merlot

**SANDALFORD**  
**1840**

**Region**  
Swan Valley

**Varietal Breakdown**  
78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, & 3% Malbec

**Vintage**  
The 2018 vintage was a return to the fantastic conditions that WA is renowned for. The wet winter preceding the growing season provided ample soil moisture for the healthy vines to ripen over the summer months. The maximum temperatures over the summer months were consistent with long term averages. An extended dry and warm period through to the end of the season presented ideal conditions for the ripening of fruit. All grapes harvested this season are of exceptional quality and showing great varietal characteristics.



### Winemakers Comments

The Cabernet Sauvignon was picked in late February, followed by the Merlot two weeks later. After de-stemming and crushing, each parcel was inoculated with selected yeast strains and fermented in small 5 tonne open fermenters. The fermentation was managed with twice daily pump overs to extract colour, flavour and tannin. Based on taste, having achieved the ideal balance of flavour and extract, the ferment was then pressed to tank. After the completion of primary fermentation, the wine was inoculated for Malolactic Fermentation (MLF) and allowed to complete before being transferred to French oak barriques for maturation. The wine spent 16 months maturing in these barrels prior to blending and bottling.

### Tasting Notes

**Colour:** Deep garnet with brick red hues.  
**Nose:** Black fruits, plum skin, chocolate box and cedar spice notes, with alluring hints of wild mint and bay leaf.  
**Palate:** This wine is medium weight and opens with dark berry fruits and savoury spice flavours. The palate is fresh, complex and beautifully textured with silky smooth tannins. The acid is bright and supports the overall structure of the wine providing wonderful length to the finish.

**Wine Analysis**  
Alcohol 14.5%      pH 3.51      TA 7.02 g/L



This wine is vegan & vegetarian friendly

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