



# SANDALFORD

WINEMAKERS

## 2019 Winemakers Merlot

### Tasting Notes

#### The Story

The Winemakers Range of wines are typically a blend of wine parcels made from our Margaret River and Swan Valley vineyards. The riper, richer flavours that are achieved in the Swan Valley, blend well with the elegant and sophisticated fruit characteristics from the cooler climate of Margaret River. Merlot is very much a maligned variety and often used in blends with other classic Bordeaux varieties. It adds softness and mid palate impression to the wine. Our varietal Merlot is crafted with balance, harmony and immediate drinkability in mind.

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#### Grapes

Merlot

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#### Origin

Swan Valley & Margaret River, Western Australia

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#### Vintage

The majority of Australia experienced a hot summer with above average temperatures. Conversely, the southwest corner of WA experienced a mild summer, with temperatures for the growing season falling below average. These milder conditions resulted in a delayed ripening pattern for most grape varieties. This resulted in fruit with an elegant flavour profile in excellent condition at harvest. The resulting wines show wonderful varietal flavours and characteristics.

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#### Winemakers Blurb

Machine harvested fruit was delivered to the winery in the cool, early hours of the morning for processing. The Merlot fruit was then destemmed to static fermenters, inoculated, and remained on skins for a week before pressing to tank at dryness. The wine was then matured for 12 months in seasoned French oak before blending and bottling.

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#### Drinking Notes

This is an easy drinking, moreish wine, with no pretensions. Fruit flavours of plums and small black fruits marry well with the cedar wood and savoury spice notes. It is a soft and imminently drinkable style. Enjoy in moderation.

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#### Wine Analysis

Alcohol 14.0%

pH 3.49

TA 6.08g/L

This wine is vegan & vegetarian friendly

