

MERLOT

ADELAIDE HILLS | SINGLE VINEYARD

Variety:	Merlot
Vintage:	2018
Planted:	1998
Vineyard:	Mike Press Single Vineyard, Lobethal, Adelaide Hills
Oak Maturation:	Blend of American and French oak barrels
Alcohol:	14.0%
When:	Drink now or cellar for 5 to 10 years
Food:	Merlot needs to be accompanied with some rich foods to help compliment the tannin structure in the wine. Grilled beef or Gorgonzola cheese.

It was a warm end to Summer in 2018 but thankfully things cooled down in March enabling a longer and slower ripening period which lead to some incredible flavours in our wines.

This Merlot has a beautiful earthy character on the nose, with soft berry fruits on the palate to compliment.

“The four varieties grown by Mike Press are well suited to the Adelaide Hills climate, and merlot performs particularly well. Good depth and hue to the colour of a solidly structured, medium-bodied merlot with plum and a touch of snow pea lurking in the background. The tannins have been very well handled, underwriting the medium-term cellaring capacity of the wine.” James Halliday

