

# TRENTHAM

## ESTATE



### ESTATE GROWN MERLOT 2017

INSPIRED BY OUR SURROUNDINGS WE REFLECT ON THE ESSENTIAL NATURE OF THE MURRAY DARLING TO CREATE WINES OF DISTINCTION AND SUSTAINABILITY.

#### THE GRAPES

Merlot is most famous in its homeland of Bordeaux in France. It is an early ripening variety with tannins that are invariably soft, making the wine a good early drinking style.

#### THE VINTAGE

'Late but great' sums up the 2017 vintage. Good rain in spring, followed by mild weather and only short heat waves resulted in grapes ripening slowly on the vine. It was certainly an unusually late harvest but the wines are something to be proud of – well balanced fruit, plenty of flavour and distinct varietal aromas.

#### THE WINEMAKING

Once harvested, the grapes were de-stemmed, crushed and fermented on skins for 7 days before pressing. After pressing, a portion of the wine was matured in a combination of new and aged French oak barrels. The wine was then blended and bottled.

#### THE WINE

Deep red in colour with lifted aromas of cherry and mulberry with a hint of mocha; flavours of sweet plum and spice with subtle savoury French oak. A medium to full bodied wine with velvety tannins, long and soft with a silky smooth finish.

#### THE FOOD

Well matched with tomato based Italian dishes and grilled meats such as veal, pork or lamb.

#### ANALYSIS

Varietal: Merlot  
Alcohol: 13.5%  
Acid: 6.4 g/l  
pH: 3.43  
Sweetness: Dry