

# BLACK LABEL MERLOT

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## THE STORY

Serafino black label wines are selected from our premium estate vineyard's in McLaren Vale. McLaren Vale has a diverse mix of soil types and vineyard orientation that enhance the complexity of Serafino Wines. Distinctive varietal and regional characters are captured in all the premium black label wines and consistently over deliver for medium and long term cellaring.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

The fruit was destemmed and not crushed in order to preserve freshness of character, and then fermented in four tonne stainless steel open fermenters. Primary fermentation was maintained at cool temperatures for a period of seven days. Upon completion, the fruit was gently pressed to a stainless steel tank allowing for malolactic fermentation to be carried out. Post secondary fermentation the wine was racked to a combination of French and American oak hogsheads (300L) to mature for a twelve month period.

## TASTING NOTES

Region: McLaren Vale  
Grape Variety: Merlot  
Bouquet: Aromas of black plums, cedar, chocolate and spice.  
Palate: Rich and velvety, showing mulberry spice, blackberry and plum flavours. It has a fine supple finish with fruit and oak in perfect harmony.  
Food match: Roasted lamb rack.  
Cellaring: Enjoy now or cellar up to 5 years.  
14.5% alcohol, 3.53pH, Ta 5.7g/L

