

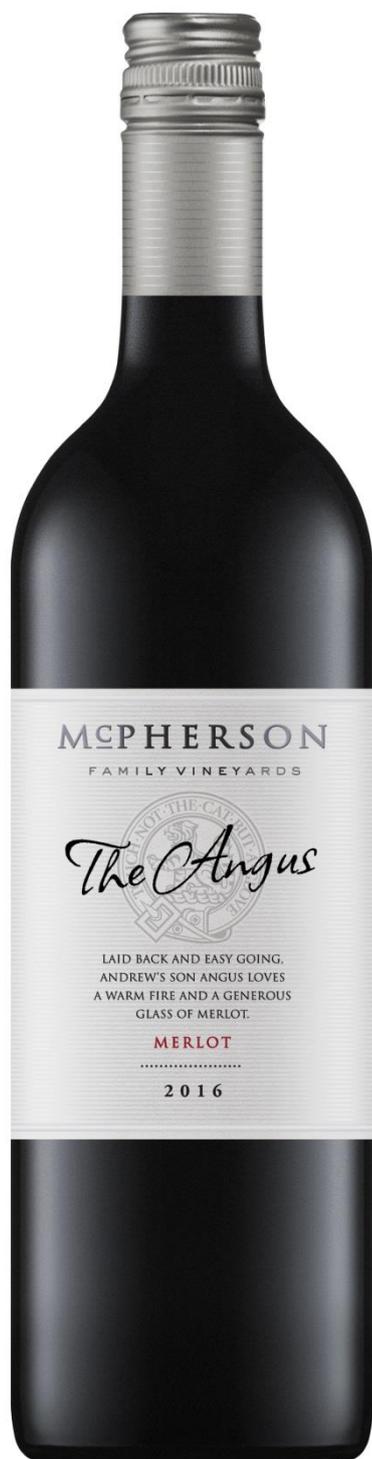


# 2016 MCPHERSON MERLOT

*Andrew and Nicki McPherson established a small vineyard in country Australia in 1968. With their family's help they built one of Australia's leading wineries and are widely recognised as pioneers of the Australian Wine Industry. Today, McPherson Wines are being enjoyed in twenty six countries across the globe and are one of Australia's largest family owned wineries.*

*The wines are celebrated for their beautifully crafted, fruit driven, Australian style.*

**Winemaker: Jo Nash**



***Laid back and easy going, Andrew's son Angus loves a warm fire and a generous glass of Merlot. With understated style and sophistication, at family gatherings Angus will be found fireside in the old leather chair having a chat or reading the weekend papers.***

#### VINTAGE INFORMATION

Region	South Eastern Australia
Varietal	100% Merlot
Alcohol	14.5 %
Best Consumed	2018 - 2028

#### JO'S WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

The grapes for this Merlot were picked and crushed during the cool of night, thus ensuring the retention of varietal character. Modern winemaking techniques were employed throughout, all of which help to create the signature McPherson style. Fermentation took place in sweeping arm red fermenters, giving the wine a denser, richer colour and allowing for gentle flavour extraction. Softer tannins are also a result of this process, an important feature of the McPherson Merlot style. Oak for this wine was predominately French oak and this wine was aged on oak for approximately 6 months, giving the wine a noticeable, but not excessive oak influence.

#### JO'S HARVEST NOTES

The best way to describe vintage 2016 is fast & furious! There was no orderly ripening of fruit, no luxury of white fruit followed by red fruit, it was like the flood gates opened and everything just rolled in at once. Again we had little rain and a very hot spring leading up to harvest, which meant things ripened faster than normal. Optimum flavours and ripeness came on more quickly than previous years and the only way around it was to pick as fast as we could. Thankfully we managed to juggle our way through it, and completed yet another successful harvest!

#### JO'S WINE DESCRIPTION

The Angus is a smooth, rich wine offering intergrated flavours of plums and blackberries with notes of spice and fruitcake. The elegant and balanced palate displays excellent length complemented by subtle oak.

#### JO'S FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

A lovely medium bodied wine that works beautifully with curries, spit roast lamb or soft cheese.