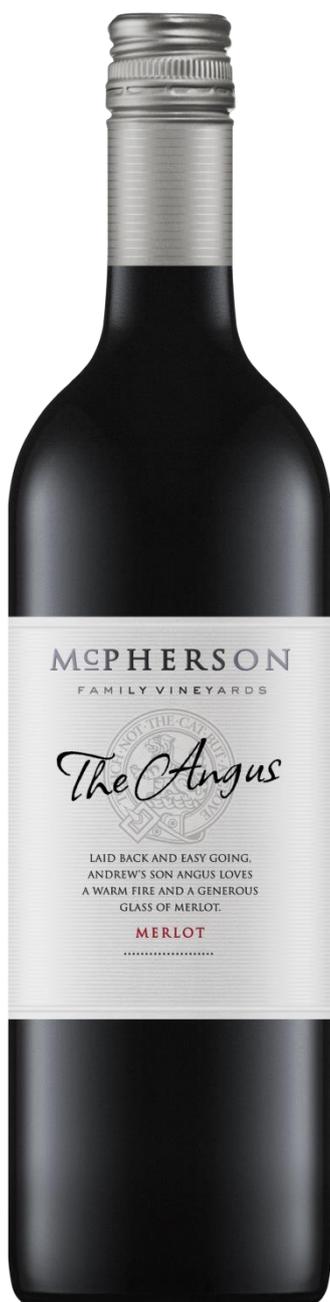


# McPHERSON WINES

## McPherson Family Vineyards 2017 Merlot

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	12.0%
Best Consumed	2019 - 2029



### JO'S WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE NOTES

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

Vintage 2017 is best described as a waiting game. The season was very long with fruit slow to ripen and although the urge just to pick it all was there, we had to bide our time until we had optimal flavours and ripeness. Once I made the decision to pick the grapes came in at an orderly pace, although increased yields due to the rain in spring made the juggling game in the winery even more challenging, with tank space at a premium. We made it through our marathon 2017 vintage and are thrilled with the exceptional quality including a number of really extraordinary parcels.

### JO'S WINE DESCRIPTION

The Angus is a smooth, rich wine offering integrated 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.

