

# ORGANIC

## **2019 MERLOT**

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



The grapes for this wine were sourced from Angove's own Nanya Organic vineyard located near the township of Paringa. The soil is a relatively shallow red sandy loam over limestone, on top of a cliff overlooking the picturesque Murray River. The vines are mostly single cordon lower yielding vines, which the winemakers have noticed to be quite resilient in adverse conditions. Whether it is due to the organic practices being used or the site itself, the vineyard produces rich textural wines.

Vintage in most of Australia's wine regions started early but slowly after a dry mild Spring with many varieties started their growing season earlier than had been the case for the past 5 years. Yields were generally lower buy quality and varietal expression supurb. Mild weather continued through January and February and careful attention in the vineyard was needed to ensure picking occurred at peak flavour ripeness.

#### **WINEMAKING**

The grapes for this wine were picked at night to make sure that they were as cool as possible. Crushed to modern rotary fermenters the grapes were then allowed to macerate for 2 days before inoculation and fermentation. Pressed off skins 7 days later and allowed to go through the second malolactic fermentation. The wine has then had minimal handling prior to filtration for bottling.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

COLOUR Striking dark ruby red.

AROMA Raspberry and plum characters abound on the nose.

FLAVOUR An intriguing palate of dark red fruits is complemented by

subtle use of oak providing extra depth of character.

CELLAR POTENTIAL 3-5 Years.

### **HAVE IT WITH ...**

A pot roast with horseradish mashed potatoes or vegetarian lasagne.

Certified Organic Vegan Friendly Minimal Preservatives



