

Condo Wines



2010 Merlot

The juicy Christmas flavours (in the Southern Hemisphere at least) of Satsuma plums and dark cherries heralds a time for family and roast turkey. Merlot time.

The freshness was the most immediate experience tasting the Merlot grapes in the vineyard prior to picking and the freshness lingered on during fermentation and bottling.

We make a Merlot with fruit flavour and soft tannins paramount in the winemaking philosophy. The flavours of summer with a lifted mid palate of plums was our aim for a style that while great drinking now will provide added complexity over the next 3 to 4 years. A wine that is ideal to accompany roast duck, turkey or veal.

Vintage Information

Vintage	2010
Region	Swan Reach, South Australia
Harvested	1 March 2010
Alc/Vol	13.3%
Total Acid	6.4g/l
pH	3.48
Residual Sugar	0.3 g/l

Viticulture and Vinification

2010 commenced with good winter rains although there was a heat wave at the time of flowering. During harvest, red grapes in particular exhibited excellent evenness in ripening, which provided an almost perfect balance between flavour ripeness and fresh acid retention. A key factor in the quality was the ideal sugar levels, flavour ripeness and freshness.

Vinification included six days contact with skins to extract colour and structure without losing the soft fleshy plum flavours. We then let the wine settle for 15 months constantly checking to ensure the wine remained fresh and vibrant.

The wine was then bottled in July 2011 to retain fruit flavour freshness.

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Condo Wines is a small family vineyard perched upon the ochre coloured cliffs overlooking the venerable Murray River at Swan Reach. The shared passion of the family is to produce wines that reflect a sense of fruit balance and elegance. Wines meant to be shared with food and friends.



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