



# KINGSTON ESTATE WINES

## 2006 MERLOT



Whilst looking for a red variety suitable to reflect our easy going lifestyle, winemaker, Bill Moularadellis turned his attention to the classic varieties from the Bordeaux region in France. Realising that Merlot as a variety possessed both the flavour profile and softness he was looking for, he soon became one of Australia's leading pioneers in the emergence of Merlot as a serious variety to the Australian winemaking scene.

By sourcing from regions that differ in their growing climate, we have been able to produce a wine rich and generous with excellent varietal definition. The Adelaide Hills component provides flavour richness and generosity, with the Clare Valley component adding structure and flavour intensity.

All grapes were night harvested and picked at between 13.5° to 14.5° Baume and kept separate throughout the winemaking process.

Small batch fermentation at controlled temperatures has seen a magnificent colour and flavour profile in this wine.

By reducing the grape skin contact this ensures the wine's finish is soft and flavoursome.

After fermentation, select parcels were transferred to both one and two year old French and American oak for maturation.

The wine is deep red in colour with purple hues. Intense blueberry and violet aromas are supported by hints of spice and lavender. The finish is smooth and rounded with some velvety tannins. Subtle vanillian oak has combined well with the coffee and blueberry flavours giving this wine great length and character.

Kingston Estate Merlot is a wine to be enjoyed now, or can be cellared for up to 3-5 years.

### Food Suggestions

Enjoy this versatile red with your favourite pasta dish lamb casserole or scalopini.

*Discover the flavour!*

Grape variety	:	Merlot
Vintage	:	2005
Growing regions	:	Adelaide Hills, Clare Valley
Winemaker	:	Brett Duffin
Alcohol	:	14.0% Alc/Vol
pH	:	3.59
Titrateable acidity	:	6.6g/L