



BERTON VINEYARDS

OUTBACK JACK 2017 CABERNET MERLOT

The Outback speaks for itself and Jack is the quintessential Australian first name because it is clear and unpretentious, just like our wine.



Vineyard and Vintage: Our local reds began with Shiraz coming in on 17th March, rather late compared to the past 8-10 years. With the lateness of the vintage, growers found it hard to reach the desired sugar specifications however with cooler conditions looming, the decision was made to pick on fruit and seed ripeness on a parcel by parcel basis, ensuring the best possible quality was maintained. This saw us apply almost double our normal attention, requiring higher turnover regimes to aid colour stabilisation & tannin extraction out of the skins whilst maintaining the desired characters. Stand out varieties for the vintage were Shiraz and Merlot, however Cabernet parcels taken from Padthaway, Coonawarra & Murray Darling regions all show good colour and varietal characters. Our Big Block Shiraz & Eden Valley Cabernet parcels are lighter in spectrum (more red fruit) than previous years and these wines show good varietal characters.

Winemaking: Fermented in stainless steel vertical fermenters for 4-6 days at temperatures between 26°C and 30°C on French untoasted & toasted oak chips. Wine was then pressed at 1 baume via screw press into stainless steel storage tanks and left to ferment until dry, then racked into stainless steel storage vessel with French oak chips and cultured malolactic bacteria. Once secondary fermentation was complete the wine was clarified via centrifuge into stainless steel storage.

Tasting note: This Cabernet Merlot shows well defined varietal characters of ripe dark cherries, plum and black currant mixed with well integrated toasty oak. The palate is soft yet full-bodied with rich, ripe flavours of plum, black currant and berry, following on to a long elegant oak finish.

Region: 100% of fruit sourced from across South Eastern Australia.

Wine Analysis: Alcohol: 13.93% pH: 3.56
TA: 7.82 g/l RS: 3.90 g/l

Style: Dry, Full bodied.

Food Match: With its richness and soft finish it matches well with rich pasta or meat dishes

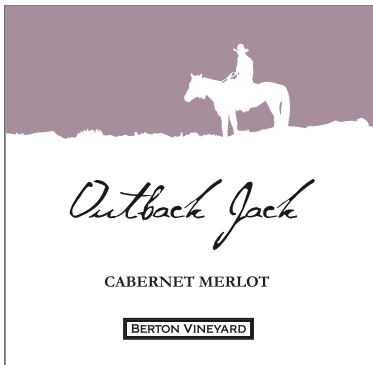
Cellaring: This wine has been made to drink now but will cellar for 2 years.

Winemaker,
James Ceccato



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Carton

PACKAGING DETAILS

Range: Outback Jack

Product: Cabernet Merlot

Approx. Case Weight: 16kg

Bottle Barcode No: 9335966003149

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Bottle: Light Weight Claret - (FG-119)

Bottle Weight (grams): 330

Package Weight (grams): 950

Bottle Dimensions (height x diameter): 284mm x 74.4mm

Carton Size: Dozen

Carton Dimensions: 297mm x 223mm x 285mm

Slipsheet Configuration: 64 (domestic) - 42 (export)