



## 2014 Hickinbotham The Revivalist Merlot

**Price:** \$134.95 + refundable bottle deposit and handling fee

**Varietal:** Merlot

**Brand:** Hickinbotham

**LCBO Product #:** 365394

**LCBO:**

**Region:** McLaren Vale, Australia

**Category:** Regular Consignment

**Bottles Per Case:** 6

**Bottle Size:** 750ml

### Availability

Availability in consignment

### Background

Vines in the Clarendon area were first planted in 1858 by the area's first settlers. While part of the McLaren Vale GI, Clarendon is a distinct subregion located in the very north, on the edge of the Adelaide foothills. Its elevation of 820 feet above sea level affords it cooler temperatures than most of McLaren Vale, providing it with the unique diurnal weather patterns that mirror the great wine-growing regions of the world.

Hickinbotham Clarendon Vineyard was established by Alan Hickinbotham in 1971, when he planted dry-grown Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz in contoured rows on the sloping site. The 200-acre vineyard has since become part of Australia's winemaking heritage, supplying fruit to produce many of Australia's greatest wines including Penfolds Grange Hermitage and Hardy's Eileen Hardy.

Breathing new life into this historic vineyard, Winemakers Charlie Seppelt and Christopher Carpenter have commenced a new era of Hickinbotham's prestigious legacy. The inaugural 2012 vintage under Carpenter and Seppelt has built upon the vineyard's acclaimed record with their highly commended offerings of Merlot, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, and halo tier Cabernet-Shiraz blend named 'The Peake' after the founder of Clarendon – Sir Edward John Peake.

### Tasting Notes

Wine Spectator 92 "This rich, silky red offers violet-scented blackberry and framboise notes, with vanilla bean accents and a whiff of espresso. The generous flavors and plump texture linger on the long finish. Drink now through 2027. 560 cases made."

—MW. June 30, 2017

