

# TASTING NOTES



B & W Wines

## HICKINBOTHAM CLARENDON VINEYARD 'THE REVIVALIST' MERLOT, 2014

### 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 SEPELT AND CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER HAVE COMMENCED A NEW ERA OF HICKINBOTHAM'S PRESTIGIOUS LEGACY. THE INAUGURAL 2012 VINTAGE UNDER CARPENTER AND SEPELT 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.

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THIS IS TIGHT, LITHE AND ELEGANT: A COMPOSED AND DIGNIFIED MERLOT WITH ONLY THE FAINTEST INITIAL GLIMPSE OF ANYTHING RESEMBLING MELLOW. IT SMELLS COMFORTING AT FIRST, BUT AS THE DRINKER DELVES, THE BOUQUET UNVEILS MOSSY, DAMP FOREST EARTH, AND THEN FRESHER, LEAFY GREENS EMERGE WITH THEIR TANNINS.

### REVIEWS

#### **92 POINTS. MARY-ANN WOROBIEC (WINE SPECTATOR MAGAZINE):**

"RICH AND SILKY, WITH VIOLET-SCENTED BLACKBERRY AND FRAMBOISE NOTES, VANILLA BEAN ACCENTS AND A WHIFF OF ESPRESSO. THE GENEROUS FLAVORS AND PLUMP TEXTURE LINGER ON THE LONG FINISH. DRINK NOW THROUGH 2027."

#### **92+ POINTS. LISA PERROTTI-BROWN (ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE):**

"THE 2014 THE REVIVALIST MERLOT SHOWS A DEEP GARNET-PURPLE COLOR, AND HAS A LOVELY FLORAL AND SPICE-LACED NOSE WITH HINTS OF BAKING SPICES, VANILLA AND PLUM PRESERVES. FULL-BODIED, RICH AND CONCENTRATED, THIS MERLOT HAS NICE VELVETY TANNINS, A LIVELY BACKBONE AND GREAT LENGTH."



**VINTAGE:** 2014

**WINERY:** HICKINBOTHAM CLARENDON VINEYARD ([HTTP://WWW.HICKINBOTHAMWINES.COM/](http://www.hickinbothamwines.com/))

**REGION:** MCLAREN VALE

**AVAILABILITY:** AVAILABLE NOW IN CONSIGNMENT

**CASE QUANTITY:** 6 BOTTLES PER CASE

**BOTTLE SIZE:** 750 ML

**COMPOSITION:** -



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