

## 2015 Cabernet Merlot

### Tasting Notes

A sense of glow, with cherry-like brightness. Aromatic lift of blue-plummy-red fruit, a savoury twist, with a whiff of oak. There is clarity and tang - it is reassuringly tight - yet has seamless entry and mouthfeel. Some wood spice in the mix, crunchy acid, red/blue fruit, well meshed with fine swirling tannin.

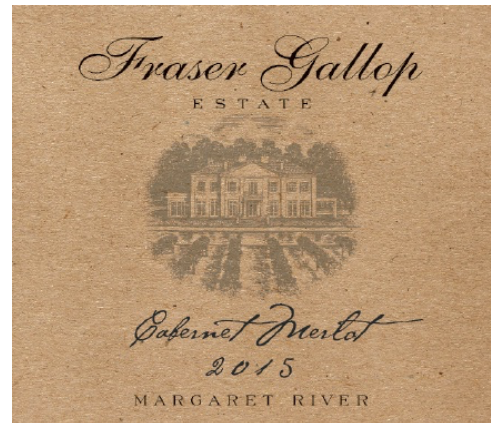
### Winemaker Comments

The style of Cabernet Merlot we are making at Fraser Gallop Estate is a wine that has greater freshness from short barrel maturation with good concentration of flavour. Blending these varieties works so well because the structural tannins of Cabernet are tamed by the richness and softness of the Merlot.

### Vintage

As a result of a very mild winter, our vines were tricked into thinking that Spring had arrived in August and therefore the growing season was ahead of a more traditional season. This factor combined with a difficult flowering season contributed to producing low yields and saw one of the earliest vintage starts recorded at Fraser Gallop Estate.

The summer months produced ideal weather, with mild temperatures, very little rain and strong winds, which kept the vineyard disease free. Resulting in exceptional flavour and balance across all varieties.



<b>Varieties</b>	73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot
<b>Harvested</b>	March 2015
<b>Oak</b>	10 months used French Oak
<b>TA</b>	6.0g/l
<b>PH</b>	3.63
<b>Residual</b>	
<b>Sugar</b>	0.4g/l
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5%
<b>Bottled</b>	August 2016
<b>Cellaring</b>	Will cellar well for up to 8 years