

FERNGROVE

GREAT SOUTHERN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WINE NAME	Ferngrove Black Label Merlot
VINTAGE	2016
WINE STYLE	Medium-bodied red wine.
GRAPE VARIETY	Merlot
GROWING REGION	Frankland River, Western Australia.
TECHNICAL DETAILS	Alc 14.0% pH 3.43 TA 5.6g/L
APPEARANCE	Crimson purple
NOSE	Aromas reminiscent of dusty blackberry, fresh plums, mulberry and raspberry, with gentle violet hints.
PALATE	Vanilla, dark plummy fruits and liquorice on a soft, plush palate finishing with fine tannin and grainy oak.
VINIFICATION	Merlot was harvested in the early morning and crushed to closed red fermenters. At this point the fruit is cold soaked, then inoculated for ferment before post ferment maceration. Wine was drained to one and two year old French oak for 18 months maturation.
CELLARING	Will benefit from careful cellaring for up to 8 years.
WINEMAKERS COMMENTS	Merlot should be juicy and fleshy with varietal characters distinctive of the region and this vintage epitomises the Ferngrove style.
SERVE	At room temperature 18C.
FOOD	Serve with hearty beef stew or osso bucco.

