

# CHRISMONT MERLOT 2014 - KING VALLEY

The soft, vibrant characters of this famed Bordeaux grape is popular either as a straight varietal wine, or in a blend. At Chrismont, we allow the juicy ripe plums, dark chocolate and exotic spices speak for themselves in this approachable expression from our Upper King Valley vineyards.

#### TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: Dark red with crimson hues.

AROMA: Black cherry and lifted berries with a herbal, toasted oak background.

**PALATE:** Cherry and berry fruit with spice and dark chocolate. Finishes dry with fine velvety tannins.

**FOOD:** The perfect wine to enjoy alongside a Sunday roast leg of lamb with roasted root vegetbles.

## WINEMAKING

"The grapes are crushed, fermented, and left to macerate on skins for up to 10 days before being drained into tanks to complete malolactic fermentation. The new wine is then racked into new and older French oak barriques for 12 months maturation before being blended and prepared for bottling. The wine is released after an extra six to twelve months age in bottle." Warren Proft, winemaker

## THE CHRISMONT COLLECTION

Classic European varietal wines made from some of the King Valley's oldest vineyards, capturing the region's unique terroir in fresh, contemporary styles.

#### WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VARIETY: 100% Merlot

VINEYARD SITES: Whitfield and Cheshunt, King Valley

**AVERAGE VINE AGE:** 18-28 years **AVERAGE ALTITUDE:** 250-300m

VINE TRAINING: Single wire, vertical shoot position

**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:** 

**Alcohol: 13.5%** 

pH: 3.40 Acid: 5.85 g/L

Drink: enjoy now or cellar up to 2022





