

TASTING NOTE

Bimbadgen Members 2016 Cabernet Merlot

The Bimbadgen Members collection is a series featuring hand selected parcels of premium varietals, crafted in limited quantities for our wine club family.

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- Colour:** Deep black red cherry.
- Nose:** An array of black and red fruits, plum and tobacco notes.
- Palate:** Rich and full, the palate shows blackberry and vibrant sweet cherry flavours framed by supple tannins that provide both elegance and structure.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

- Source:** Hilltops, NSW.
- Vinification:** Fruit was crushed and destemmed into an open fermenter; undergoing a two day cold soak before fermentation. To ensure maximum colour extraction, the wine was pumped over twice daily before being left on skins post fermentation for two weeks. Once pressed, malolactic fermentation was completed in old and new barriques and puncheons.
- Blending:** 30% Merlot and 70% Cabernet Sauvignon co-fermented.
- Aging:** 12 months in old and new French oak barriques (225L) and puncheons (500L).
- Bottling:** March, 2017

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal	Alcohol	Cellaring Potential	Harvest Date	Oak	pH	TA
Cabernet Merlot	14.5%	10 years	1 st March 2017	French barriques & puncheons	3.58	6.5g/L

VINTAGE NOTES

A classic year in the Hilltops with near perfect growing conditions throughout the season. Cool nights and warm days delivered ripe fruit displaying true varietal character, even among alternative varieties upon which the region's reputation is truly emerging.



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