

2005 Cape Jaffa Limited Release Merlot



#### The Region

The Mount Benson Wine Region is a recently defined viticultural area situated 300km south of Adelaide on the Limestone Coast. Its key attributes for producing distinctive quality fruit include an abundance of underground water, *terra rossa* soil over free-draining limestone and a cool maritime climate. The region is renowned for producing elegant and complex wines.

#### Vintage

The 2005 vintage was warmer than average growing season and as such produced robust wines with excellent intensity at all levels.

#### Winemaking

This Amarone-style merlot was an experimental parcel, open-fermented with 10% of the fruit being handpicked and rack-dried.

The wine was then aged for nearly three years in French barriques. The wine was then fined using egg whites followed by minimal filtration prior to bottling.

#### Winemaker

Anna Hooper

#### Variety

Merlot

#### Aroma

Complex dark berry notes with subtle hints of dried fruit comprise the nose of this limited release.

#### Palate

A structured and elegant wine with powerful acidity, this wine exhibits firm drying tannins on the finish.

#### Alcohol/Volume

14.0%

#### Peak drinking

Now – 2014

#### Serving Suggestion

Rich tomato-based pasta dishes

"Here's a South Australian merlot that'll sit right up there with Romney, Protero, and Jardim do Bomfim in the outright subliminal stakes... Moody and stewy, never mellow, with three years of good French oak contributing perfectly apt spice... 92++ points"

**Philip White, Adelaide Independent Weekly,  
22 September 2007**