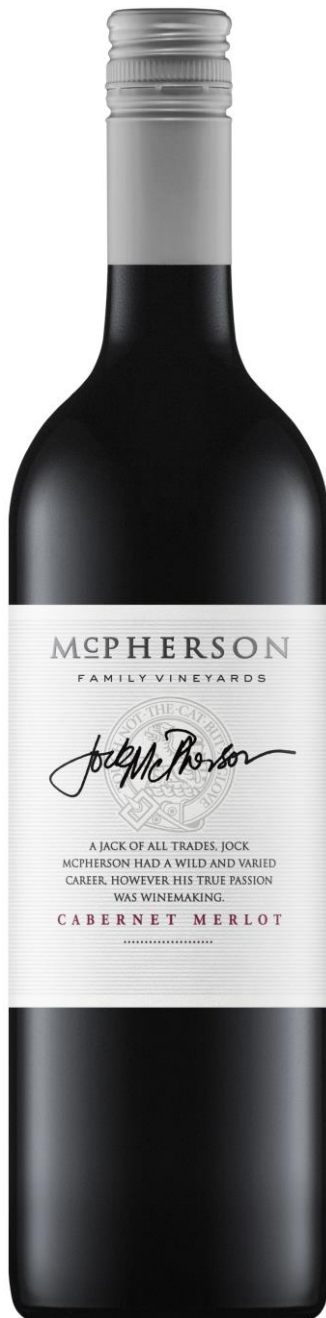




# 2016 MCPHERSON CABERNET MERLOT

*Andrew and Nicki McPherson established a small vineyard in country Australia in 1968. With their family's help they built one of Australia's leading wineries and are widely recognised as pioneers of the Australian Wine Industry. Today, McPherson Wines are being enjoyed in twenty six countries across the globe and are one of Australia's largest family owned wineries. The wines are celebrated for their beautifully crafted, fruit driven, Australian style.*

## Winemaker: Jo Nash



***A jack of all trades, Jock McPherson had a wild and varied career as a writer, soldier, fisherman, publisher and PR man. His passion however, was winemaking. He planted his first vineyard in 1968, eventually passing it on to his only son Andrew.***

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

Region	South Eastern Australia
Varietal	70% Cabernet, 30% Merlot
Alcohol	14.0%
Best Consumed	2017 - 2021

### JO'S WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

The grapes for this Cabernet Merlot were picked and crushed during the cool of night, thus ensuring the retention of varietal character. Modern winemaking techniques were employed throughout, all of which help to create the signature McPherson style. Fermentation took place in sweeping arm red fermenters, giving the wine a denser, richer colour and allowing for gentle flavour extraction. Softer tannins are also a result of this process, an important feature of the McPherson Cabernet Merlot style. Oak for this wine was predominately French oak and this wine was aged on oak for approximately 6 months, giving the wine a noticeable, but not excessive oak influence.

### JO'S HARVEST NOTES

The best way to describe vintage 2016 is fast & furious! There was no orderly ripening of fruit, no luxury of white fruit followed by red fruit, it was like the flood gates opened and everything just rolled in at once. Again we had little rain and a very hot spring leading up to harvest, which meant things ripened faster than normal. Optimum flavours and ripeness came on more quickly than previous years and the only way around it was to pick as fast as we could. Thankfully we managed to juggle our way through it, and completed yet another successful harvest!

### JO'S WINE DESCRIPTION

Jock's Cabernet Merlot is much like the man – smooth, no nonsense, elegant and will fit right in at any occasion. It exhibits a rich, ripe berry and mint bouquet and displays a full flavoured, fleshy, fruit laden palate.

### JO'S FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

A classic partner for grilled rib eye served with a pepper sauce. McPherson Cabernet Merlot also pairs well with rich tomato based pasta dishes.