



*In the days when ballast stone was an important feature of some of Australia's most iconic buildings, the daring Steeplejacks played a crucial role in their construction and maintenance. As skilled craftsmen, they completed the most difficult work on the highest towers, oblivious to vertigo, gravity and mortality.*

## VINTAGE 2019

The 2019 season will be remembered as hot and dry. The season started with budburst occurring at around normal time.

The vintage started in late January, soon after vintage started the rate of ripening was slowed by a series of heatwave events followed by a cool period. The vintage was highly compressed, with early and late varieties ripening over a short period of time. All parts of the supply chain including harvest operators, carriers and wineries, were stretched to the limits to bring in the crop at optimal ripeness. Vintage finished in early April for the late ripening varieties.

Despite the difficulties winemakers have reported good to excellent wine quality.

ALCOHOL	14.5%
REGION	South Australia
COMPOSITION	Merlot 100%
pH	3.35
TA	6.3

## TASTING NOTES

In true Steeple Jack tradition, this Merlot is full of character. Silky blackberry, aromatic violets and cherry flavours, with a soft velvet finish to savour.

**STEEPLE JACK**  
**Merlot 2019**

