



# CORIOLE

McLAREN VALE

## 2016 Mary Kathleen Cabernet Merlot

**2016 Vintage** – Conditions in the spring of 2015 were very dry, yet there was impressive vine growth, some old hands saying they had never seen the vineyards looking so good! Above average temperatures in October and December led to predictions of a very early, swift vintage. Ripening, however, slowed in January. 60-70 mm rain fell, followed by an unusually cool February average of 19.5°C. Gentle ripening continued and picking was slow paced and orderly. The resulting wines are excellent; colour is vibrant, aromatics are alluring, and the natural balance & mouthfeel is superb.

### Background

Mary Kathleen is named after Lloyd family matriarch, Mary Kathleen Lloyd, one of Coriole's founders. It is produced from three small, select vineyards on Coriole estate, planted between 1968 and 1986. The wine was first produced in 1992.

### Tasting Notes

Bright dark cherry, rosehip, cassis and dark plum. Sweet sage flower perfume and a subtle touch of nutty oak. A rich and bold entry with lashings of dark fruited flavour, blackcurrant and a little dark chocolate. The tannins are plush and lend the wine a richness and depth.

### Serving Suggestion

Roast beef with all the trimmings.

### Winemaker Says

It is always a highlight selecting the barrels that go into this blend from our three small estate vineyards. A savoury and elegant expression from the fantastic 2016 vintage. Long and full flavoured this Cabernet will cellar well for up to 20 years.

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale  
Varietal Comp: 88% Cabernet, 12% Merlot  
Alcohol: 14.5% Alc/Vol  
Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L  
pH: 3.50  
RS: 2.0g/L

