

LAMBERT

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2012 Complicit Merlot

About this wine

Every crime has an accomplice. You know who you are, but don't worry you shall remain nameless. Usually hidden in the background, it is your turn to take the stand. Smooth and subtle, your only crime is making great wine.

Wine Profile

Vintage:	2012
Wine Type:	Dry Red Wine
Varietal:	Merlot
Appellation:	Barossa Valley
Harvest Date:	April 2012
Acid:	6.9 g/l
pH:	3.43
Bottling Date:	Nov 2014
Residual Sugar:	0.9 g/l
Alcohol %:	15.5

Tasting Notes:

Deep, bright garnet in colour, the 2012 Merlot exhibits a perfumed nose of cherries, plums, red currant, rhubarb and traces of violets, earth and leather. Ripe plums and cherries showcase on the palate with tobacco leaf and a slight hint of cinnamon. Full-bodied and well balanced, the chalky tannins allow for a deep, rich lingering finish.

Winemaker Notes:

The 2012 Merlot was harvested slightly later to build physiological ripeness and eliminate overt green, leafy characters. Fermented for 7 days on skins and pumped over twice daily to improve tannin extraction, this wine was then aged in mature french oak hogsheads to soften the edges and create a wine that will continue to develop for another 7-10 years.

Food Pairing: Fusilli with spicy italian sausage and fennel, Pancetta and mozzarella stuffed meatloaf, roasted chicken and turkey, herb crust veal chops

Production: 300 cases



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