



2023 GIBSON MY DARLING BAROSSA MERLOT

STORY

'My Darling' is an endearing reference to Rob Gibson's wife Anne. Although we're all aware of his love of Merlot, we can't help but feel this is also Rob's way of subtly describing the true darling in his life. "At one moment soft and tender, the next firm and reassuring" ...

The Merlot vineyard at Light Pass was planted to the 'Gibson-Schulz Trellis' system - a unique method of training vines, co-invented by Rob. Vines are alternately planted on a low and high cordon wire, the latter reaching over two metres in height.

A vibrant garnet red with a ruby hue, this 2023 Merlot opens with bright aromas of black cherry, wild blackberry, forest floor, and a hint of cracked pepper. On the medium-bodied palate, it delivers cherry stone, boysenberry, and brambly red fruits, layered with a gentle thread of spice. Fresh acidity adds lift and energy, while soft, savoury tannins carry the wine to a smooth, mineral-edged finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 growing season featured above average winter rains followed by a perfectly mild, fine, dry harvest period. Temperatures were milder than average with few hot days. Ripening was slow, enabling good retention of fine flavours.

TASTING NOTES

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TECHNICAL

Varietal composition: 100% Merlot

Region/s: Barossa

Maturation type: 18 months in matured French oak hogsheads.

Alc/Vol: 13.7%

TA: 6.39 g/L

pH: 3.47

