



# HOLLICK

Coonawarra

## 1999 Neilson's Block Merlot

The 1999 Neilson's Block Merlot is made from a selection of the best fruit from the mature high density vineyard named after noted Australian lyric poet John Shaw Neilson.

Neilson's Block is located adjacent to the Hollick Winery at the cool southern end of Coonawarra on the famed terra rossa strip. The long cool growing season that has established Coonawarra as the pre-eminent region for Cabernet Sauvignon is also ideally suited to producing exceptional Merlot.

Neilson's Block Merlot completes the trio of black label icon wines from Hollick. In the tradition of the Hollick Ravenswood Cabernet Sauvignon and the Wilgha Shiraz, the Neilson's Block will only be released in exceptional years.

Merlot is one variety where the adage "the older the vine, the better the wine" certainly holds true. Fruit for the 1999 Neilson's Block Merlot was sourced from low yielding vines planted in 1985. The wine has undergone partial fermentation in new French barriques. A further 18 months maturation in these same barriques completed the winemaking process.

**Colour:** Crimson red with a purple rim. Will develop brick red colours with cellaring.

**Nose:** Perfumed aroma of violets and red cherries. Integrated chocolatey French Oak permeates the pure fruit aromas.

**Flavours:** The palate is vibrant and harmonious with a core of pure Merlot fruit. Fine silky tannins and spicy oak notes contribute length and structure to this elegant, medium bodied wine.

Eminently approachable now, this wine will reward those willing to cellar for 10 years or more. A great match with light meat dishes such as milk-fed veal or rabbit.

### Technical Details

Alc/Vol	13.0%
pH	3.43
Total Acidity	5.76g/l
Bottled	13th Dec, 2000



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750 ml