

DANDELION VINEYARDS **2016 Damsel of the Barossa Merlot**

Tasting Notes

Intense crimson with youthful purple hues. Lifted, elegant notes of blue fruits, blood and of course damson plums with a dash of Christmas pudding-like spice. All ac-cented by hints of bramble and dark chocolate. Lush, mouth filling sweet blackberry and plums elegantly cover the palate with nuances of sweet spice. Silky, fine tannins and dark chocolaty notes tickle throughout the lengthy palate with youthful and pretty finish.

Technical Data

Varietal: 100% Merlot
Alcohol: 14.5%
Total Acidity: 6.2g/L
pH: 3.53
Region: Barossa

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Rated 90, Beppi Crosariol, The Globe and Mail, June 6, 2018

"Classically sweet dense Barossa fruit. Very smooth. The flavours suggest plum, blackberry jam, cherries, coffee and cocoa. Speaking of cocoa, there's a pleasantly powdery aspect to the texture, which helps provide dry balance."

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Rated 90, David Lawrason, WineAlign, May 3, 2018

"This has a lovely, engaging, soft plummy/berry merlot nose, with subtle vanilla, licorice notes. It is quite full bodied, smooth and easy on the tannin and alcohol. Quite delicious without going into excessive sweetness. Some acid firmness holds it together. The length is very good. Fine example of New World merlot."

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Rated 88.5 & Try, Tony Aspler, Vintage Assessments, May 12, 2018

"Spicy blackcurrant with cedar notes; medium-bodied, dry, fruity plum and blackcurrant flavours with a firm tannic finish."

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Rated 88 & Recommended, Michael Vaughan, Vintage Assessments, May 12, 2018

"Very deep intense purple colour. Spicy, sandalwood-tinged, ripe cherry plum puree nose with some cedary notes. Dry, medium bodied, tangy, spicy, crisp, lifted, plum-cherry puree flavours with a lingering, high acid, bright, cassis finish."

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