

# *Pertaringa*

McLaren Vale



## **Understudy Cabernet Petit Verdot 2006**

Wine Pertaringa's Understudy Cabernet is so named as it is just that; this wine is the next in line to our flagship red, the Pertaringa Rifle and Hunt Cabernet Sauvignon. No second fiddle, the Understudy Cabernet is a stylistic contrast to our Rifle and Hunt, and is traditionally vinified before maturation in French and American oak, with a view to immediate drinkability. Although this wine will undoubtedly cellar well, as have previous vintages, like all great Understudys, the 2006 won't like to be kept waiting in the wings for too long before it performs. 20% Petit Verdot is included in this wine for added perfume, richness and mouth feel.

2006 Vintage Season 2006 was characterised by classical temperate Australian conditions. Good winter rains and warm temperatures in early December encouraged strong vine growth and positive expectations of a healthy crop. The milder January conditions were excellent for slower ripening and a short rain spell in the first week of March freshened up the crop after a hot February, further enhancing the flavours of our Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot.

Tasting Note Pertaringa's Understudy Cabernet Petit Verdot has a deep crimson colour. A perfumed nose with violets and Turkish Delight particularly associated with Petit Verdot, underscored by blackcurrant and spice with earthy nuances. The palate indulges with luscious rich flavours of blackcurrant, blackberry and stewed rhubarb. A well structured wine rounded off by well integrated oak characters and supple tannins.

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