

Wild Oats



As a feisty young sailor, Bob Oatley was given the nickname 'Wild Oats'. It is now the memorable name of the family's most popular wine range and their incredibly successful yacht Wild Oats XI – the record breaking winner of Australia's own bluewater classic: the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

2014 MERLOT

VARIETALS: MERLOT

REGION: MUDGEE, NSW

In less than a decade the Oatley family's Wild Oats range of contemporary wines has enjoyed remarkable success – winning multiple awards, critical acclaim, widespread distribution and a multitude of fans Australia-wide.

Over the course of some 150 years, the Mudgee region has grown to specialise in full-bodied dry red varietals such as those of the Bordeaux family, which have thrived in the region's sunny high altitude climate. The Oatley family have a number of merlot blocks across their local vineyards and whilst the resultant wines generally are blended with cabernet, occasionally there are parcels so good they deserve to be presented on their own.

Bold, defined and rich, Wild Oats Merlot is well balanced with dark chocolate and plum characters.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

Harvested at ideal ripeness in the cool of the early morning and fermented on skins to extract maximum colour, texture and tannin. Displays merlot's typical plump, round flavour profile, with definitive dark chocolate and plum characters, soft smooth tannins and a pleasing finish. Enjoy with a range of red meat dishes now to five years of age.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Alc/vol: 13.5%

Closure: Stelvin Lux + screw cap