

KOPPAMURRA



tasting notes

CABERNET MERLOT 2007

Region Wrattenbully; Mount Benson

Vineyard/Location Mosquito Creek, Joanna (Cabernet),
Mount Benson (Merlot)

Alc/Vol 15%

Grape Variety 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot

Oak Cabernet Sauvignon over 20 months in new and aged French Oak
Merlot 6-8 months in aged Oak

Philip White, in the Independent Weekly, October 1st 2009, wrote:

'It's good to see this old brand re-emerge with such confidence, although the fruit is not from the original old vines... This baby's all classic blackcurrant and blueberry with the glowering, mossy earth vegetals of the merlot... The palate's velvety and comforting as much as teasing and tantalising, with persistent chalky tannins that reflect the limestone below and guarantee a solid spell of safe dungeon for those who prefer their claret with the soft burnish of age. It's saucy and a little impish now, but will settle beautifully if you can stash it.'

The Cabernet Merlot blend is a wine we produced with great success over a couple of decades, but one we have not made for some time for a number of reasons. But now, the flagship is back!

The blend has long been the classic traditional blend for the wines of Bordeaux. Cabernet is from our source vineyard at Joanna, (next door to our original vineyard), on the classic terra-rossa-over-limestone soil. The Merlot – an excellent one, with lovely soft fruit from a high class vineyard at Mt Benson, has blended beautifully with the Cabernet, softening the tannins. With proper cellaring will continue to improve and develop – see Philip White's comment above.

Drink now to 2017.