
Domaine A

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2010 Domaine A Merlot

Domaine A Merlot originates from ancient, cool climate terroir in Tasmania's historic Stoney Vineyard. It is a wine of absolute dedication, built from the ground up according to a rigorous viticultural regime and uncompromising approach to winemaking.

Domaine A Merlot is made in exceptional vintages only. It is a selection of the finest parcels of fruit from estate vines dating back to 1991. Grapes are harvested entirely by hand, typically in mid April.

Domaine A Merlot is crafted in small batches employing traditional techniques including open vat fermentation, regular racking and hand plunging. It is matured for 2 years in 50% new and 50% seasoned French oak barriques and rested in the cellar until ready for release.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby colour. Aromatics of blueberry, dark chocolate and savoury spice. Beautifully concentrated forest berries, black cherry and plums notes with fine tannic structure.

ALCOHOL 14%

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Domaine A is set in one of the most pristine natural environments in the world. Established in 1973, the historic Stoney Vineyard is the oldest vineyard in Tasmania's Coal River Valley. Ancient soil and truly cool climate give rise to inspirational terroir founded on 200 million year old Jurassic Dolerite. Domaine A lies on a north facing slope that enjoys a temperate maritime climate and extended sunlight hours over a long, cool season. Each Domaine A wine is a reflection of extraordinary terroir with a proven record of critical acclaim and genuine ageing capacity.
