



HOUSE OF TOWNEND

FAMILY WINE MERCHANTS SINCE 1906

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## Irvine Estate Merlot

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| <b>Price</b> | £22.49  |
| <b>Code</b>  | IRVI205 |

An excellent example of Eden Valley Merlot. Layered complexity offered through integrated French oak maturation. Approachable now with mid-term cellaring potential.

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**Tasting Notes:**

Deep dark red in colour. An expressive nose full of summer berries and spice. Medium-bodied with great elegance and restraint. Redcurrant and creamy oak with bright acidity and fine tannin.

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| Specification     |  |
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| Vinification      | Sourced from Jim Irvines original 90's plantings, the soil profile does vary over the small blocks, but broadly speaking it is sandy loam over a substrata of gravel. Picking is based on flavour, with an emphasis on maintaining fresh fruit flavours and avoiding overripe jamminess. The grapes are destemmed and vinified in open top fermenters. Gentle pumpovers are done twice a day and the grapes are pressed when tannin and flavour extraction is in balance (in this case 5 to 6 days). The wine is matured in 300 litre hoghead barrels for 12 months. A small component (10%) of lightly toasted new French oak is used, with the balance being 2nd and 3rd fill French and American oak. |
| ABV               | 14.5%  |
| Size              | 75cl   |
| Drinking Window   | Drink now  |
| Country           | Australia  |
| Region            | South Australia  |
| Area              | Eden Valley  |
| Type              | Red Wine   |
| Grapes            | Merlot   |
| Vintage           | 2020   |
| Body              | Refined and distinguished  |
| Producer          | Irvine Wines   |
| Producer Overview | From the very beginning, the Irvine family has been distinguished as the Merlot Masters, a title rewarded with international awards vintage after vintage.   |
| Closure Type      | Screw Cap  |
| Food Matches      | Enjoy with pan fried game and roasted potatoes   |
| Press Comments    | Wine Merchant Top 100, Highly Commended, 2022.   |