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Irvine Springhill Merlot

Usual Price	£16.99
Discount Price (inc. VAT)	£13.99
Code	IRVI160

Irvine was founded in 1980 by Jim Irvine with the aim to produce world class Merlot wines. Springhill Merlot is named after the original Irvine vineyard in the Eden Valley which still provides a portion of the fruit. This would compete quite happily with good Pomerol or a hefty-priced Chilean.

Tasting Notes:

Springhill Merlot is an easy drinking, approachable red that still maintains the Irvine style. On the nose there are raspberry and plum and the palate is medium-weighted with soft tannins and a chocolate edge on the finish. A great introduction to the Irvine portfolio.



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Specification	
Vinification	The Miles family pick the Merlot grapes from the youngest part of the great Springhill vineyard first and it is these grapes, blended with younger vines along the edges, which are harvested and then taken to Irvine's showpiece winery in the Barossa. The grapes are partially de-stemmed, crushed and then fermented on skins at a warm 26 degrees using natural wild yeasts, for around 30 days, with multiple pump overs to extract balanced levels of fruit, tannin and colour. The wine is then transferred to used French oak casks for maturation of around 12 months, when the wine is lightly filtered and bottled.
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	Soft, fruity and smooth
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	Strip sirloin of beef with horseradish, mashed potato and all the trimmings.