



Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide

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BEST BUY

Merlot/Cabernet '21

This highly attractive red is a blend of Merlot (49 per cent), Cabernet Sauvignon (43 per cent) and Cabernet Franc (8 per cent). Estate-grown in the Havelock Hills, the Bridge Pa Triangle, the Gimblett Gravels and the Dartmoor Valley, it was matured for a year in French oak barrels (partly new). Deeply coloured, it is fragrant, fresh and full-bodied, with very generous blackcurrant, plum, herb and spice flavours, gently seasoned with oak, and excellent vigour, structure and depth. Still very youthful, it should be at its best 2025+.

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