



# IRVINE

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## IRVINE SPARKLING MERLOT MV

### PHILOSOPHY

Right from the very first tirage we set out to make a wine of great joy.

A lively wine. A scintillating wine that truly livens the palate great grace and flavour. All the plummy Merlot fruit characters enhanced by the mousse. Fresh, enjoyable and a delight to drink.

Here we have yet another unique wine from the Irvine portfolio and the wine world – for how long is anyone's guess, as others will surely follow.

Born from a conversation after a great luncheon at our Springhill property and made from some of the best Merlot in Australia and a truly marvellous wine.

### WINEMAKING

Very straight forward tirage, using standard yeast (EC1118) to highlight the Merlot character at its most flavoursome. It is not yeast character that we look for but mousse and trueness of Merlot flavour – the true nature of Merlot in fact, expressed in the best possible way.

The liqueuring is critical. Nothing must impinge on the Merlot flavour – it is sacrosanct. Each year the final liqueuring level will vary to maximise the Merlot flavour of the year, however in general terms the liqueuring is just enough to have a tiny softness on the very finish.

### THE WINE

The 2006 release of the multi vintage (2004, 2005 and a touch of 2002) is a full-bodied luscious sparkling Merlot.

As a result of the bigger tannin structure the added liqueuring may be seen but is necessary to give smoothness and balance across the total wine.

The bouquet shows plums and raspberries in fact a whole Summer Pudding of flavours which carry through into the palate, giving great flavour reward.

Of limited quantity it is a drink for many occasions and can be matched with savouries game and a chocolate dessert. Most especially suitable for the hot Australian Christmas.

As promised, a wine of great joy.

### AVAILABILITY

750 mL bottles only. Six bottle cartons.

### IRVINE WINES

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