



Tread Softly Merlot 2021

Grape Variety:	Merlot
Region:	South Australia
Winemaker:	Corey Ryan
Closure:	Screwcap
Alcohol:	10.8%
Pack Size:	6 Bottle Pack



Summary: Tread Softly is a contemporary range of wines seeking to deliver delicious, intensely flavoured wines that are naturally medium weighted and moderate in alcohol. By using more sustainable vineyard management and wine-making techniques to ensure their production has had a minimal impact to the environment. Tread Softly is committed to reducing their carbon footprint and so commits to planting an Australian Native tree for every 6 bottles sold.

Vineyards: Sourced from established vineyards of the rich soils of the border of Victoria and South Australia. The vines are mostly dry-grown and utilise expert canopy management to help to control ripening and vigour.

Winemaking: Harvested in the cool of the morning to avoid the warmer temperatures of the day. The fruit is quickly delivered to the winery for destemming and crushing prior to a regular fermentation in stainless steel tank. The wine is aerated and temp controlled for an even ferment and then spends 3 months in tank on solids prior to bottling and an early release.

2021 Vintage: Vintage 2021: If 2020 was all about the heat, then 2021 will be remembered as the wet season. In many parts of Australia, it was unseasonably wet in winter but not at critical times to do damage nor impact the resultant ripeness of the grapes. A cool and dry summer meant even ripening was achieved between dry and rainy spells and the ensuing fruit quality was excellent and for once yields were up making for a bumper harvest in 2021.

Tasting Note: A lighter than normal Merlot in keeping with the Tread Softly philosophy of making more moderate drinking styles. Bright berry fruit flavours with a soft palate and a bright acid finish that finishes dry. This is an easy-drinking Merlot that would pair well with a Risotto.