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## **Sunday Lunch Merlot**

Expecting weekend visitors? Looking for a great value, versatile vino to serve with your Sunday victuals? Take our advice and vamoose down to your village vintner at maximum velocity and avail yourself of a bottle of your favourite variety from the Clare Valley - **Wakefield Estate Merlot 2013**. It's v v good!

The 2013 vintage is vibrant vermilion with an intense red/purple hue, lifted aromas of raspberry, cherry, spice and cinnamon, violets and vanilla. Wakefield Estate Merlot 2013 is velvety soft in the mouth with layers of ripe, dark fruit and rich fruitcake characters, vanilla, mocha and subtle spice from oak maturation and an elegant finish.

The Taylor family have been highly regarded for their viticulture expertise, along with their enviable Clare Valley vineyards, since Bill Taylor Senior realised his vision to establish a family vineyard in 1969. Vehement in their belief that great wines begin in the vineyard they exploit the diverse variety of their estate's microclimates and terroirs, including the coveted terra rossa soils of the St Andrews blocks, to respect and capture the essence of each vineyard site and to highlight the unique varietal expression of each grape variety.

The grapes for Wakefield Estate Merlot 2013 were sourced from vines grown on the Lodden and St Andrews blocks of the Taylor family's estate with a view to crafting a wine with a rich mid palate and a soft, velvety feel. The grapes were vinified in stainless steel vats and matured in American and French oak.

Wakefield Estate Merlot 2013 is a versatile companion to any convivial gathering, complementing a variety of Sunday lunch viande (such as roast lamb, pork, turkey, chicken or veal served with caramelised roast veg), informal Italian suppers (it loves Italian herbs such as thyme, rosemary and oregano,) or cheese (it's particularly good with gruyere, parmesan and cheddar). With Easter on the horizon, chocolate addicts could try this with a slice of chocolate (with a hint of chilli) cheesecake. Buy enough to drink now with some to keep in reserve as the 2013 vintage will cellar well until at least 2019.

**Wakefield Estate Merlot 2013** – versatile, great value and v v good!

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