

[yellow tail][®] Reserve

“These are the wines we love to make. Big, bold, juicy reds that are well balanced.”

– John Casella

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Nature is full of surprises. Every vineyard seems to have that special patch where grapes grow with just a bit more flavour.

The [yellow tail] Reserve range is crafted from grapes picked in the finest vineyards across Australia.

Made by the Casella Wines family, the [yellow tail] Reserve range is designed to be a premium fruit driven style with softness and drinkability. The fruit is predominately from Australia's premium cool climate regions to maintain elegance, balance, finesse and length of flavour.

Great wine begins with the best grapes for [yellow tail] Reserve. You can taste the difference.

Vintage	2010
Variety	Merlot
Vineyard Region	South Eastern Australia
Winemaker Comments	Pedigree fruit parcels with premium fruit quality expressions contributed to [yellow tail] Reserve Merlot. Night harvest and quick processing to an immediate hot ferment maximised colour and flavour extraction. Maturation in a mixture of French and American oak enabled the wine to develop good flavour and structure prior to bottling.
Vintage Conditions	Merlot experienced a great start to the season with some healthy rain events in winter that led to good soil moisture and flourishing vine canopies for the rest of the growing period. Warm days and balmy nights led to an earlier-than-average harvest.
Maturation	Drink now, or cellar for up to four years.
Wine Analysis	Alc/Vol: 14% Acidity: 5.5 pH: 3.55
Flavour Notes	This vibrant red wine has aromas of ripe fruits, cassis and blackberry. Flavours of rich red plum are complemented by subtle notes of chocolate and vanilla. This wine has a neat balance of fruit flavour, oak and tannin that means it is ready to enjoy now or for years to come (if you can wait).

