

Melqart



CLASSIFICATION	DOK Malta – Denominazzjoni ta’ Origni Kontrollata
YEAR	2010
VARIETAL/S	Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot of Malta
TASTING NOTES	Melqart has a deep, ruby-red colour; an aroma of ripe berry fruits; and a rich, blackberry flavour with silky tannins and a long finish.
VINTAGE REPORT	Winter weather was regular, the first half experiencing mild temperatures and recording average seasonal rainfall. This created ideal conditions for budburst and later development phases. A longer than normal vegetative phase was combined with a slight delay in grape-ripeness. This helped preserve the vines’ aromatic characteristics and favoured the development of soft and delicate tannins.
PRODUCT INFORMATION	<p>The name ‘Melqart’ recalls the Phoenician god of sailors worshipped in Malta during the Punic period.</p> <p>The Melqart was first released in 1996 (vintage 1995)</p> <p>Available in 375ml and 750ml.</p>

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VINTAGE REPORT Winter weather was relatively mild with a slightly higher rainfall than usual. The resulting moisture reserves in the soil promoted a balanced budburst and a regular vegetative growth pattern. Summer weather and sunshine enabled a normal ripening of grapes and the production of aromatic wines and satisfactory tannin content.

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A Limited Release of 140 Magnum bottles of this vintage has been released in November 2014.

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VINTAGE REPORT Although winter temperatures were colder than normal, rainfall was average. The slightly larger bunches than normal were offset by an earlier ripening of the grapes. This vintage demonstrated that, despite the warm microclimate, grapes can achieve an optimal ripening level – bouquet-wise and palate-wise, thanks to the vineyard's proximity to the sea.

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VINTAGE REPORT Winter recorded normal temperature and rainfall levels. Budburst started during the first week of March and shoot development progressed evenly throughout the season. The slow, constant ripening of the grapes produced wines with a distinct varietal character.

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