

International WINEREPORT

BLANKIET ESTATE Prince of Hearts Red, Paradise Hills Vineyard 2016

The 2016 'Prince of Hearts' Red is absolutely fabulous. Composed of 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, and the remainder Petit Verdot, all aged 18 months in 50% new French oak. Currently the most accessible of the Estates releases in 2016, this stunning red opens to gorgeous aromatics of red currants and ripe cherries combine with fresh cut florals, spices, licorice, graphite and hints of tobacco, which all emerge gracefully from the glass. Refined, structured and beautifully balanced, this stunning red goes on to thoroughly impress all the way through the incredibly precise finish that lingers on. This is another sensational wine from Blankiet that is striking in its youth, but also has the potential to age for two decades. **96 points**

J. D'Angelo, May 2019