

## TASTING NOTES



### 2018 LIMITED RELEASE CABERNET FRANC

#### The limited release philosophy

Hemera Estate's Limited Release collection enables us to showcase the most unique wines of the vintage, whether it be fruit from a specific block within our vineyard, or a distinctive parcel or variety that has proven itself to be outstanding. This collection enables us to bring to you in their purest form the wines that have most excited us in the winery.

#### Vintage conditions

The 2018 growing season got off to the right start with winter rainfall 10% up on the average, however as the growing season progressed, rainfall was down throughout spring and summer. Dry soils combined with warmer temperatures allowed for quick canopy growth and perfect flowering and fruit set. Higher than average temperatures in January and significantly higher February night time temperatures (5.8°C above average) brought the onset of harvest earlier than normal. The Indian summer through March and April ensured both full flavour and colour development.

#### Vineyard selection

Sourced from the Hemera Estate vineyard, the Block 1B Cabernet Franc sits just behind the winery on a deep bed of sandy clay. The vines are closely planted to limit the growth of this French variety, and produce small and intense fruit. The soil's excellent moisture retention qualities ensure even and long ripening to fully develop the grape's unique flavour profile. For this vintage, the fruit was picked on 7 April.

#### Winemaking

Daily sampling prior to harvest ensured that the grapes were picked at optimum flavour ripeness. Grapes were destemmed and gently crushed into a five tonne open fermenter where twice daily pump-overs provided soft tannin extraction. After the completion of fermentation, the wine was basket pressed to a combination of new (25%) and one year old (75%) French oak hogsheads for 18 months. The wine is neither fined nor filtered.

#### Tasting Evaluation

**Colour:**

**Aroma:**

**Palate:**

#### Technical notes

Varietal composition: 100% Cabernet Franc  
Region (GI): Barossa Valley, estate grown  
Winemaker: Jason Barrette  
Alcohol: 14.5% alc/vol  
pH: 3.60  
TA: 6.7g/L  
Residual Sugar: 0.7g/L  
Bottled: 18 September 2019



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