

## TASTING NOTES



### 2020 "RIGHT BANK"

### MERLOT / CABERNET SAUVIGNON / CABERNET FRANC

#### Vintage Conditions

The 2020 growing season was dry with winter and spring rains being well below average. Flowering unfortunately was interrupted with frosts and very strong winds, coupled with very cold nights. December was hot and dry with 11 days over 35C and 8 days over 40C. As a result, bunch size was below average with smaller than normal berry size. A mild February with approximately 20mm of rain on 1st February slowed down phenological ripening allowing us to hang the grapes to ensure full flavour ripeness, whilst retaining natural acidity. Yields across the board were down between 50-80% depending on the vineyard. Wines produced, have saturated colours, intense aromatics and great flavour concentration and length. Overall an exceptional year!

#### Vineyard Selection

The *Right Bank* is a wine developed to showcase the art of blending across grape varieties sourced from our estate aged up to 40 years old. The *Right Bank* is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

#### Winemaking

Each grape variety was picked at optimal ripeness to showcase characters endemic to that variety. The fruit was destemmed and crushed into 5-tonne open-topped fermenters where twice-daily pump-overs were conducted to ensure extraction of colour, flavour and tannins from the grape skins. At the conclusion of fermentation, the wine was pressed to a combination of new (30%) and seasoned French oak hogshead barrels for 15 months. Each barrel was tasted, and careful selection took place before the final wine was blended. The wine is neither fined, nor filtered.

#### Tasting Evaluation

**Colour:** Garnet, medium intensity with a pale rim.

**Aroma:** Perfumed aromatics of violets, forest fruits, black pepper and bay leaf. Subtle wafts of rare roast beef, cinnamon and sage.

**Palate:** Textural palate of blue and black fruits with cedar oak spice. Mouth coating, dusty tannins with fine acid balance. Each grape variety playing an important role in the final blend. Drink now or enjoy over the next 8 to 10 years.

#### Technical Notes

Varietal composition: 45% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cabernet Franc

Region (GI): 100% Barossa Valley, estate grown

Winemaker: Jason Barrette

Alcohol : 14.0% alc/vol

pH: 3.64

TA: 6.6g/L

Residual Sugar: 0.43g/L

Bottled: 24 August 2021



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