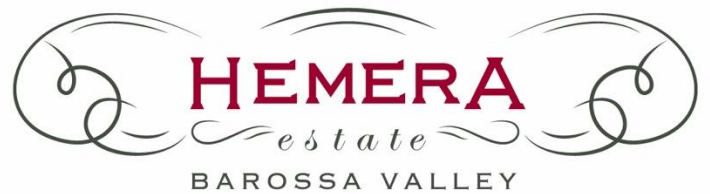


# TASTING NOTES



## 2021 ESTATE CABERNET FRANC

### Vintage conditions

The region received good early rains in autumn 2020 to replenish some moisture in the profiles, after coming off the driest back to back seasons ever experienced. Winter rains were average and those vineyards that supplemented with irrigation to get moisture to depth set the vines up for spring growth and spring rains were above average. Temperatures in November were above average without any significant weather events paving the way for fantastic fruit set. January 24th was the only day that the Barossa Valley experienced temperature above 40°C. Not surprisingly, the subsequent mild conditions meant bunch and berry size remained average, achieving a great balance between quality and quantity. A vintage that can be described as almost "perfect", not only ideal sugar ripeness but also physiological ripeness for quality wine production.

### 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.

### 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 24 months. The wine is neither fined nor filtered.

### Tasting Evaluation

**Colour:** Dark crimson verging on black with a ruby rim.

**Aroma:** Perfumed violets, blueberry with subtle wafts of choc mint, maraschino cherry with delicate spices of pink peppercorn and nutmeg.

**Palate:** Concentrated sweet red currant, wild raspberry and cocoa powder flood the mouth. Fine red apple acidity gives focus and precision. Beautiful fine French oak tannins delicately blanket the fruit core.

### Technical notes

**Varietal composition:** 100% Cabernet Franc

**Region (GI):** Barossa Valley, estate grown

**Winemaker:** Jason Barrette

**Alcohol:** 14.5% alc/vol

**pH:** 3.82

**TA:** 6.g/L

**Residual Sugar:** 0.04g/L

**Bottled :** 11 March 2024



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