

TASTING NOTES



2021 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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”

Vineyard Selection

The Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from a selection of parcels from Block 1A and Block 5 of from our estate vineyard.

Winemaking

Once the grapes have been identified to be of optimum maturation and flavour ripeness, the parcels are brought into the winery where they are destemmed and crushed into the open-topped fermenters. Manual pump-overs are conducted twice daily to provide extraction of colour, flavour and tannin. Towards the end of fermentation, the wine is drained and then pressed to a combination of 50% new French and American oak barrels for 18 months maturation. Careful barrel selection takes place before the wine is blended. The wine is neither fined, nor filtered.

Tasting Evaluation

Colour: Concentrated garnet core with pale rim.

Aroma: Perfumed varietal Barossa Cabernet aromas of blackcurrant, black liquorice and cassis with further layers of mocha, coffee grounds and rare roast lamb. Subtle cedar oak spice hides in the background.

Palate: Fleshy mid palate of black plum, black cherry, Black forest cake, cocoa and raspberry liquorice are framed with silky smooth tannins. Savoury flavour of the earth, ferrous/ ironstone flavours add complexity. Fresh red apple skin acidity creates focus and direction.

Technical Notes

Varietal composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Region (GI): Barossa Valley, Estate Grown

Winemaker: Jason Barrette

Alcohol: 14.5% alc/vol

pH: 3.63

TA: 6.01g/L

Residual Sugar: 0.55g/L

Bottled: 17 January 2025



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