



# PEPPER TREE

## ELDERSLEE ROAD

### SINGLE VINEYARD

### 2014 WRATTONBULLY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Elderslee Road vineyard is home to our best Cabernet. Elderslee Road runs along one of the ancient dunes or shorelines that make up the Wrattobully landscape. These ancient dunes harbour the famed red "Terra Rossa" topsoil over free draining Gambier Limestone, perfectly suited to growing great Cabernet.

Flavours of blackberry integrated perfectly with spicy French oak. A marvellously rich palate packed with sweet ripe berry fruits balanced by French oak. Fine ripe tannins provide great structure and depth to the long and generous palate. A full bodied Cabernet of distinction.

#### VINTAGE

The 2014 growing season got off to a good start with good spring rain but cold wet weather in November and early December delayed flowering. Late fruit set was followed by late veraison in mid-late February which allowed the vines to avoid any adverse effects from the three heatwaves of late January – mid February. In the end the grapes ripened in much more benign conditions. Reds ripened beautifully. Cabernet and Merlot were very good and the best parcels of Shiraz were outstanding. Yields were down this year.

#### APPELLATION/ GI

Wrattobully (South Australia) 100%

#### WINEMAKING

Picked when acid and flavour are ripe, this is then destemmed and crushed into static fermenters. Fermented for 10 days using selected yeast strain and then pressed off skins into French oak for 18 months maturation. Barrels are then selected, blended and prepared for bottling.

#### AWARDS



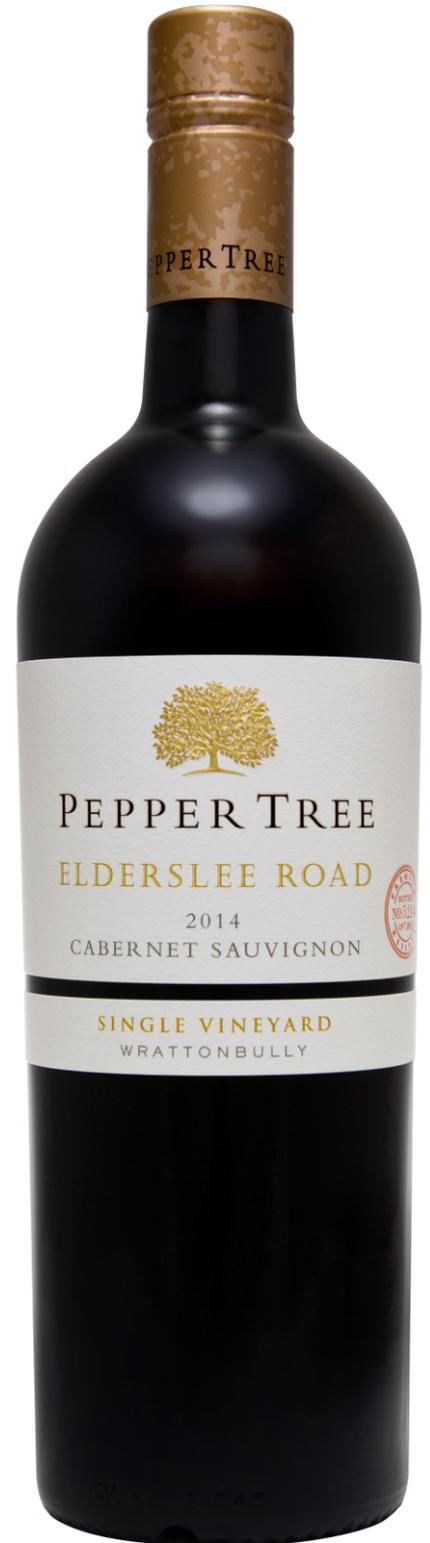
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#### VINEYARD

Wrattobully adjoins the Coonawarra area in the southern part of the Limestone Coast wine zone. The prominent viticultural feature of the area is the series of ancient beach ridges and dunes which run roughly north-south through the area. These ridges are made up of soft crumbly limestone which weathers to produce the red and brown Terra Rossa clay loam soils so highly prized for grape growing. The ridges and dunes have elevations of up to 30m compared with the Coonawarra Terra Rossa 'high' of less than 5m. The extra elevation on the Wrattobully dunes produce the advantage of cold air drainage which reduces the risk of frost during the growing season.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	10/2015
PH:	3.42
TA:	7.1g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.2%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.4



#### JAMES HALLIDAY

2017 AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION

**94** A classy cabernet, and an adequate alternative for those unwilling to buy Block 21A at \$60, even if the value for money is much the same in each case. This has brilliant colour, a fragrant bouquet, abundant juicy cassis and fine tannins throughout the palate. Drink to 2034.

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