



PEPPER TREE

(PREMIER RELEASE WINE)

2016 'P.J.P.' Single Vineyard Wrattenbully Cabernet Sauvignon

The P.J.P. pays tribute to the three men whose work in the vineyard has led to the development of our finest Cabernet block. Owner and geologist John Davis singled out this small block (21A) because of its thin rocky limestone soils which produce tiny bunches and berries with fine distinctive tannins. Our P.J.P. was assembled from the top barrels from the block and represents the very essence of Wrattenbully Cabernet Sauvignon.

This wine is the result of hard graft in an unforgiving patch of dirt located in Wrattenbully. Three men had the vision to elevate the fruit quality of the vineyard based on tireless research into soil and site. Hailing from the auspicious 2016 vintage, winemaker Gwyn Olsen selected the best 11 barrels from our Block 21A Cabernet Sauvignon - enough to make 270 dozen only. A rare wine indeed. Aromas of dark fruits with enticing blackcurrant pastille, hints of olive underpinned by spicy, cedary oak. On the palate it's full and lithe, pleasantly harmonious and supple. Brooding, brambly fruit intensity with a touch of dark cocoa, structured and immense weight with good depth of tannin. Long spicy and assured with great length and concentration across the finish.

VINTAGE

A warm dry season led to very early ripening and the whole 2016 harvest was finished three weeks earlier than previous vintages. All red varieties produced full bodied deep coloured wines with generally good balance. Exceptional parcels of Cabernet, Merlot and Shiraz were produced on small rocky shallow soil blocks, and were selectively picked and fermented.

VINTAGE

Wrattenbully (South Australia) 100%

WINEMAKING

Our best block of Cabernet goes through individual row selection which results in four different picks and four different ferments. Once fermented dry, the individual lots were pressed off skins and put to French oak barriques (30% new). After 20 months in oak, the individual barrels were tasted and eleven outstanding barrels were selected and blended together to create this wine.

VINEYARD

Wrattenbully is located in 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 neighbouring regions to the south with Terra Rossa 'high' of less than 5m. The extra elevation on the Wrattenbully 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:	12/2017
BOTTLE NUMBER RANGE:	1 - 3240
PH:	3.38
TA:	6.9g/l
ALC/VOL:	13.8%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.2



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