



PEPPER TREE

LIMITED RELEASE

2019 Wrattobully Aglianico

Our inaugural 2019 Aglianico showcases the variety's ability to make a deeply coloured and aromatic wine. Aromas of dark fruits and coffee fill the nose while the palate explodes with blackberry, leafy herbs and chocolate notes. The thick grape skin contributes to the firm tannins and provides structured length to the finish and mouth feel.

Head Winemaker, Gwyn Olsen

VINTAGE

Despite some nail-biting brushes with frost, 2019 turned out to be an excellent vintage and produced arguably the best wines from the area since 2004.

Cool early season conditions led to low yields in Cabernet Sauvignon but all other varieties yielded well. Hot weather in January and February had marginal impact on our vineyard and by the time ripening was well underway in March, conditions had cooled considerably. This led to one of the longest ripening seasons for many years and the last fruit was harvested in May. The long 'hang time' led to fruit of great flavour and balance.

Some outstanding parcels of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon were picked especially from our 21A Cabernet block. These wines have intense colour and flavour and the long slow ripening has produced very good integration and balance of tannins.

Our first crops of Aglianico, Malbec and Barbera show great promise.

2019 reds are expected to be outstanding wines.

APPELLATION / GI

Wrattobully (South Australia) 100%,

WINEMAKING

This block was machine harvested in the cool of the night and de-stemmed and chilled for three days cold soak. The fruit was then inoculated and fermented in a static fermenter and pressed off skins once dry. The wine went to old oak puncheons for nine months before blending and preparation for bottling.

VINEYARD

Wrattobully 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 a 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:	Aglianico (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	09/2020
PH:	3.57
TA:	5.6 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.2%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.4



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