



PEPPER TREE

(PREMIER RELEASE WINE)

2019 'P.J.P.' Wrattonbully 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 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 vineyard and represents the very essence of Wrattonbully Cabernet Sauvignon.

Aromas of dark fruits with enticing blackcurrant pastille, hints of bay leaf and olive underpinned by spicy, subtle 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

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. 2019 reds are expected to be outstanding wines.

APPELLATION / GI

Wrattonbully (South Australia) 100%

WINEMAKING

Our best blocks of Cabernet go 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 (15% new). After 12 months in oak, the individual barrels were tasted and the outstanding barrels were selected and blended together to create this wine.

VINEYARD

Wrattonbully 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 Wrattonbully 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:	10/2020
BOTTLE NUMBER RANGE:	1 - 1530
PH:	3.41
TA:	7.1 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.8%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.8



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