

# PEPPERTREE

## 'BLOCK 21A'

### SINGLE VINEYARD 2019 Wrattonbully Cabernet Sauvignon

Block 21A has been the source of some of the best Cabernet on our Wrattonbully Vineyard for many years. This single block has been selected and bottled separately due to its very thin layer of Terra Rossa' sandy loam overlying soft limestone. The vines grow roots that penetrate deep into the rock producing small bunches and tiny berries leading to intense fruit flavours and distinctive fine tannin structures.

Big bold flavours of cassis and blackberry integrated with spicy oak. A full rich palate packed with sweet ripe berry fruits balanced by French oak. Chalky fine tannins provide excellent structure and depth to the long and generous palate that will live for many years. This single vineyard wine is a full bodied Cabernet of distinction that can be enjoyed now or will benefit from further cellaring.

#### VINTAGE

Despite some nail-biting brushes with frost, 2019 Wrattonbully is located in the Limestone Coast turned out to be an excellent vintage and wine zone. The prominent viticultural feature of produced arguably the best wines from the area the area is the series of ancient beach ridges and since 2004.

Cabernet Sauvignon but all other varieties crumbly limestone which weathers to produce vielded well. Hot weather in January and the red and brown Terra Rossa clay loam soils so February had marginal impact on our vineyard highly prized for grape growing. The ridges and and by the time ripening was well underway in dunes have elevations of up to 30m compared March, conditions had cooled considerably. This with the neighbouring regions to the south with a led to one of the longest ripening seasons for Terra Rossa 'high' of less than 5m. The extra many years and the last fruit was harvested in elevation on the Wrattonbully dunes produce the May. The long 'hang time' led to fruit of great advantage of cold air drainage which reduces the flavour and balance.

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.

APPELLATION / GI

Wrattonbully (South Australia) 100%

#### WINEMAKING

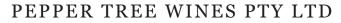
Our best block of Cabernet goes through individual row selection which results in four different hand picks and four different ferments. Once fermented dry, the individual lots were pressed off skins and put to French oak barriques (15% new). After 12 months in oak, the individual barrels were tasted and selected for blending and the wine prepared for bottling.

Head Winemaker, Gwyn Olsen

#### VINEYARD

dunes which run roughly north-south through Cool early season conditions led to low yields in the area. These ridges are made up of soft risk of frost during the growing season.

TECHNICAL INFOR	MATION:
BLEND:	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	10/2020
BOTTLE NUMBER R	ANGE: 1 - 3500
PH:	3.39
TA:	7.1 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.4%
STANDARD DRINKS	S: 8.5



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