



PEPPER TREE

‘BLOCK 21A’

SINGLE VINEYARD

2019 Wrattobully Cabernet Sauvignon

Block 21A has been the source of some of the best Cabernet on our Wrattobully 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.

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.

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

Wrattobully (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.

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: Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)

BOTTLING DATE: 10/2020

BOTTLE NUMBER RANGE: 1 - 3500

PH: 3.39

TA: 7.1 g/l

ALC/VOL: 14.4%

STANDARD DRINKS: 8.5



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