



# PEPPER TREE

## VARIETAL RANGE 2021 Wrattenbully Merlot

An enticing nose of black and red fruits with a spicy lift. The rich and soft palate is rounded with sweet berry fruits and savoury spice and well balanced by subtle oak. Fine tannins provide support for a long silky finish.

### VINTAGE

Although our South Australian vineyards escaped any influence of the national bushfires the vintage was nevertheless affected by cold inclement weather during flowering and fruit set in November/December which led to very small crops.

In light of this, the small crops ripened fully and produced some exceptional wines across the board.

### 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 a 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.

### APPELLATION/ GI

Wrattenbully (South Australia)

### WINEMAKING

Individual blocks machine harvested once flavour ripe and destemmed, sorted in the vineyard. The fruit is chilled at the winery and cold soaked for 4 days before being inoculated. Fermented with M2 yeast in static fermenters for 10-14 days before being pressed off skins. Wines are then racked to oak for approximately 20 months maturation before blending and bottling.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Merlot
BOTTLING DATE:	12/2023
PH:	3.52
TA:	5.57 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.0%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.3



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