



PEPPER TREE

'ELDERSLEE ROAD'

SINGLE VINEYARD

2018 Wrattobully Cabernet Sauvignon

The Elderslee Road vineyard is home to our best Cabernet. Elderslee Road runs along one of the ancient dunes or shorelines that make up the Wrattobully landscape. These ancient dunes harbour the famed red "Terra Rossa" topsoil over free draining Gambier Limestone, perfectly suited to growing great Cabernet.

Flavours of red currant and blackberry integrate perfectly with spicy French oak. A rich palate packed with sweet ripe berry fruits balanced by time spent in French oak. Fine ripe tannins provide great structure and depth to the long and generous palate. A full bodied Cabernet of distinction.

Head Winemaker, Gwyn Olsen

VINTAGE

Our 2018 growing season got off to an unfortunate start with a severe frost in early November wiping out 75% of our crop. Conditions for the rest of the year remained favourable and the reduced crops ripened fully with very good tannin structures. Small parcels of handpicked Shiraz and Cabernet have produced excellent single vineyard wines.

In summary, very small crops but outstanding quality.

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.

APPELLATION / GI

Wrattobully (South Australia) 100%

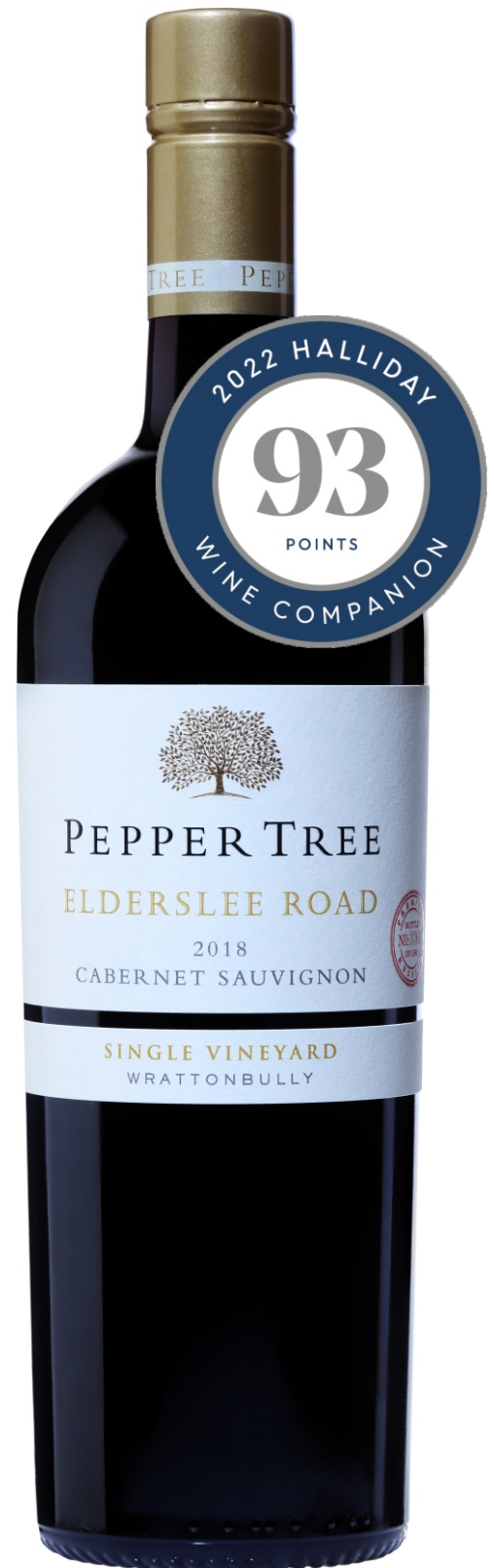
WINEMAKING

This wine comes from Block 7 on the vineyard which straddles a rocky outcrop and sits next to the road. Hand harvested at flavour and tannin ripeness, the grapes were de-stemmed and cold soaked for 3 days before fermentation in a static fermenter. Once dry, the wine was pressed off skins to French oak barriques (20% new) for 18 months before barrel selection and bottling.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:	
BLEND:	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	02/2020
BOTTLE NUMBER RANGE:	1 - 3590
PH:	3.45
TA:	7.2g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.2%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.4

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Despite the winemaking approach being very similar across these regional cab-dominated wines, this stands out. Graceful and ethereal. The light touch (and presumably soils) have imbued an uncanny lightness contrasting with cabernet's flavour profile and intensity. A gorgeous wine. Detailed tannins corseting redcurrant, anise, olive and sage. A little mint, but not, mercifully, straying into the caricature of eucalyptus. Long, precise, fresh and fresher, as it gains momentum.