



PEPPER TREE

‘BLOCK 21A’

SINGLE VINEYARD

2021 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.

VINTAGE

Wrattobully experienced the coolest vintage for many years which led to slow balanced ripening. The quality of the resulting wines is considered by many locals to be the best for 40 years. The cool weather allowed for complete flavour ripening by time sugar ripeness was achieved. This produced great balance across all varieties and exceptional colour and flavour depth in all red varieties. Cabernet Sauvignon was outstanding and our best Merlot parcels have the best colour and flavour we have ever seen from our vineyard.

Our small parcels of alternate varieties like Malbec, Petite Verdot, and Barbera are all showing great varietal definition.

The most outstanding vintage for many years.

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

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 (30% new). After 18 months in oak, the individual barrels were tasted and selected for blending and the wine prepared for bottling.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:	
BLEND:	Cabernet Sauvignon
BOTTLING DATE:	02/2023
BOTTLE NUMBER RANGE:	1 - 7950
PH:	3.5
TA:	6.5 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.2%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.4



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