



# PEPPER TREE

‘8R’

## SINGLE VINEYARD 2021 Wratonbully Merlot

8R Merlot is sourced off our Wratonbully Vineyard on the Limestone Coast. This clone has only recently been introduced into Australia and is selected for its flavours and fine tannins and produces the best Merlot parcels from the vineyard. We have separated the fruit from this block as it shows more flavour and intensity with excellent structure.

Beautiful rich soft Merlot characteristics with a firm structure. The palate is loaded with clean red fruit flavours and great texture from maturation in fine French oak.

### VINTAGE

Wratonbully 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.

### APPELLATION / GI

Wratonbully (South Australia) 100%

### WINEMAKING

This single block wine was harvested in two separate picks and fermented in static fermenters. Once primary and secondary ferment finished, the resulting wine was pressed off skins and put to French oak barriques (25% new). Left for 20 months, the resulting wines were selected for blending and wine prepared for bottling.

### VINEYARD

Wratonbully 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 Wratonbully dunes produce the advantage of cold air drainage which reduces the risk of frost during the growing season.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Merlot (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	11/2023
BOTTLE NUMBER RANGE:	1 - 4150
PH:	3.3
TA:	7.2 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.2%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.4



### HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION 2025

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Deep and brooding black cherry, Mirabelle plums and sapote fruit. Crushed allspice, chocolate bullets and dark chocolate. Mulberry acidity on the mid-palate with more drive and persistence than what you expect of merlot, whilst still showcasing a plushness. Artfully made from superior fruit. Dusty tannins will allow this wine to live a good long life

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