



THE TALLY

Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Among his many pursuits, Doug Balnaves was a shearer of Merino sheep. A shearer in Australia, is paid by the number of sheep he shears. Counted every two-hour period, the Tally is recorded in the Tally book. The higher the Tally, the greater the recognition among his peers for skill and hard work. As an expression of this tradition, the Balnaves family see the wine 'THE TALLY' as the ultimate achievement for their company.

Vintage 2019 started with good winter rains, a warm Christmas then turned cool and late ripening with the last fruit picked in May.

Selectively picked from our Dead Morris vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (96.4%) with a small percentage of Petit Verdot (3.6%), this fruit was harvested on the 9th of April, co-fermented and spent 3 weeks macerating on skins. Maturation was for 18 months in 52% new and seasoned fine grain French barriques. 2019 was an outstanding vintage with dense black fruit.

Dark red colour with a perfumed nose of blackcurrants, blueberries and blackberries with integrated mocha coffee notes from the oak, intense and harmonious. The palate is dense and bright with black fruits and some complex forest floor aromatics leading to a textured tannin finish.

Reviews

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Rating: 96 Points

"With 3.6% petit verdot. Left 3 weeks on skins, matured for 18 months in French oak (52% new). Released as a 5yo wine, the Tally has built a reputation over the years as a Coonawarra icon. Concentrated, brooding and dense, this is firmly on the midnight spectrum: by that, I mean blackberries, licorice, mulberries, aniseed, cigar box and graphite. The tannins that shape the affair are fine and omnipresent, and they come with that extra flex of cheny salted licorice. There is so much to masticate on here as the wine lingers through the finish. It is glorious."

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| RRP | \$90 |
| VINTAGE | 2019 |
| ALC/VOL | 14.5% |
| TOTAL ACID | 5.9 g/L |
| pH | 3.45 |
| CLOSURE | Screwcap |
| CELLARING | Optimum at 10-12 years after vintage |
| WINEMAKER | Pete Bissell, our current winemaker is Jacinta Jenkins |