



## CABERNET MERLOT

The Balnaves family arrived in Coonawarra from Paisley Scotland in 1855. They established their vineyard in 1975 at the southern end of the Terra Rossa strip.

Leading up to the 2024 vintage, we saw mostly cool and dry weather, apart from a warm weekend mid- March. This allowed for a gradual tannin development. Prior to this, during flowering, we saw cooler weather, which resulted in smaller yields.

Our Merlot was picked in Mid- March, as well as some small parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon. Merlot shows vibrant red hues and lifted red fruit, which combined beautifully with the plush tannins from our Cabernet Sauvignon.

The 2024 Cabernet Merlot is comprised of Old Paulownia Cabernet Sauvignon planted in 1973 and Avery Merlot, matured in 27% new French oak. A nose of blackberry and blueberry fruit, complimented by dark chocolate, leading into a complex palate of smooth tannins and cedar spice.



RRP	\$28.00
VINTAGE	2024
VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot
ALC/VOL	14.9%
TOTAL ACID	6.19 g/L
pH	3.43
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.6 g/L
CELLARING	5-10 years
FOOD PAIRING	Enjoy with slow cooked beef casserole