



THE BLEND

The Balnaves Coonawarra Vineyard was established in 1975 and is situated at the southern end of the Coonawarra Terra Rossa strip. The family, which has been associated with the district since 1855, remains fully committed to a high level of 'hands-on' involvement.

Vintage 2020 was typified by small crops and great natural acidity. The Blend is 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc, matured in 18% new French oak for 12 months prior to bottling in October 2021.

Medium bodied with a purple hue, this wine is perfumed and fine. On the palate, red and black currants show the higher percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon in this year's Blend. A touch of coffee and cedar are delicately balanced with a fine tannin finish.

Reviews

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"Fruit from 45-year-old vines on the Paulownia and Balnaves Old Shiraz blocks; matured in large format French oak (48% new) for nine months. Elevated pepper spice and floral notes make for an attractive introduction. Ripe, red berried fruit flavours rush straight up in support, though a tension to both the acidity and tannin makes all this exuberance feel controlled. This is a medium-bodied wine that's been turned out impeccably - it will drink well both young and with some years on it."

RRP	\$19.00
VINTAGE	2020
VARIETY	67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc
ALC/VOL	14.5%
TOTAL ACID	6.2 g/L
pH	3.44
CELLARING	2 - 8 years

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