

# KINGSHIP CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Variety:* Cabernet Sauvignon

*Vintage:* 2021

*Region:* Barossa, South Australia

*Alcohol:* 14.5%

## *Kingship - Dare For Glory*

Tanunda's annual Kingship Competition was a highly prized event in South Australia. With fears of invasion and world conflict during the late 19th and early 20th Centuries, the Tanunda Rifle Club (1856-1940) promoted skills of bearing arms and marksmanship.

The best riflemen competed with each other to become the famed 'King' marksman of the year.

The pursuit of accuracy and the defence of place are the essence of this beautifully crafted Kingship Cabernet Sauvignon, with fruit sourced from our vineyard on Rifle Range Road, home of the former Tanunda Rifle Club.

## *Vintage 2021*

The 2021 growing season in the Barossa offered favourable conditions, with the summer growing season mild and even, with cool day time temperatures. Enhanced by excellent rains across winter and spring and a full moisture profile in the soil, the vineyards developed wonderful canopies and well-formed grape bunches.

As a result of the long flavour development and ripening cycle in the vineyard, the 2021 vintage resulted in fruit of exceptional quality and excellent yields. Regarded as one of the most renowned vintages, wines produced from the exceptional fruit of 2021 exhibit great depth of colour, with intense, concentrated varietal fruit flavours, whilst robust reds will have firm tannins which will mellow and soften with careful cellaring.

## *Winemaking*

The fruit for this wine is sourced from our Kingship Vineyard, located on Rifle Range Road, which lies in the sub-region of Krondorf in the famous Barossa Valley. The soil profile is black cracking clay which lends itself to growing Cabernet Sauvignon fruit of superior quality.

The individual parcels of fruit are vinified in small stainless steel fermenters with gentle extraction of tannins, then aged in new and second-use French oak hogsheads for 18 months.

## *Tasting Notes*

Intense and vibrant red with a crimson hue with lifted dark berry cassis aromatics, leafy sage notes, hints of subtle oak. Blackberry and mulberry fruit flavours are complemented by cassis and warming spice. Silky fine long tannins and well integrated oak lead to a long, persistent finish. This is a classic Barossan Cabernet Sauvignon.

## *Cellaring*

To 2032.

