



# MAYFIELD 'THREE BOYS' CABERNET BLEND 2023

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The history of Mayfield dates back to 1815 when explorer, William Charles Wentworth, was granted Mayfield as a thank you for his earlier crossing of the Blue Mountains.

**Vineyard:** A gentle aspect with a north facing slope at the eastern end of the vineyard.

**Vintage:** 2023 was characterised by the cool wet spring. We had to spend a great deal of time in the vineyard managing the crop levels to ensure that the fruit ripened to perfection. During February and March, we experienced consistent warmer weather. This extended the growing season and allowed the fruit to be both phenologically and flavour ripe.

**Tasting Note:** Light in colour almost makes you think this classic blend is from the beautiful Right Bank region in Bordeaux. On the nose you have hints of lavender and violet that streams up the nose and takes over the senses. The wine has a lovely focus on the palate with dark fruits framed by fine tannins to deliver a classical structure. A classic cool climate example using the most famous Bordeaux varietals.

**Winemaking:** Destemmed and crushed to small open fermenters. The ferment was alternatively hand plunged and pumped-over for gentle extraction of tannins. The juice/wine remained on skins for 10 days before pressing. At the completion of fermentation, the wine was transferred to new (8%) and older French oak puncheons (500 litres) and hogsheads (300 litres) including Boutes barrels from Bordeaux for 12 months.

**Viticulturist:** Charles Simons

**Winemaker:** Drew Tuckwell

**Variety:** 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

**Region:** Orange, NSW Central Highlands

**Elevation:** 900-924m

**Alc/Vol:** 12.0%

**pH:** 3.46 **TA:** 6.5g/L

