

Pride of the Fleurieu Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

Dandelion Vineyards
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Stranger's Reach Cabernet is Dandelion Vineyard's Pride of the Fleurieu



Background

Dandelion Vineyards is a unique fusion of vine and vigneron. Our wines represent decades of experience, blending the fruit of our heirloom vineyards with the finest traditions of artisan winemaking. Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time. Our wish is to nurture the unique character of these vineyards and express their terroir in our wines.

Capturing variety, vintage and vineyard requires an enlightened approach and although our growers see the Devil in every weed, we encourage the humble Dandelion amongst the vines as they suppress winter weeds, provide mulch in the summer, and proffer their Wishing Clocks in spring to blow off to make our wish come true.

This Pride of the Fleurieu Cabernet was grown in the family's pride and joy, overlooking the Finnis River wetlands, Tony Brooks and Prof. Barbara Santich's dry grown Stranger's Reach vineyard cooled by the Great Southern Ocean and Lake Alexandrina where low rainfall and deep alluvial soils encourage Cabernet to 'populate or perish'.

Selected bunches were hand picked by family and friends in the third week of April and gently crushed into open top fermenters. After 8 days fermentation the wine was then basket pressed into some new but predominately older French Oak Barriques for 18 months maturation and then bottled with minimal winemaking artifact to capture the essence of the vineyard and will reward cellaring and decanting.

Vale Evelyn (gran) Phillips nee Walker vintage 1921-2010.

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Zar Brooks, *Typist & tba*,
Elena Brooks, *BSc (Oenology)*
Adelaide Winemaker

Tasting Notes

Colour

Dark and violent-purple with flashes of violet at the rim edge..

Nose

Blueberries, mulberries, and blackberries - with a hint of cream. All the aromas of cabernet sauvignon: cassis and tomato leaf and mint and blackberry jam. Subdued cigar box from the judicious oak barrel acquaintanceship. Then more mint and more menthol and more eucalypt slips by.

Palate

A rounded palate of blackberries and dark forest fruits. Then drying tannins catwalk through, as if by three or four gear changes. This textural effect makes it a complete and satisfying red wine: plush enough with all those blackberry fruits; yet stern enough with cabernet's tannins bringing that certain kind of unseen formality

Drink

Corned Beef with a White Caper or Parsley Sauce. (Parsley, on reflection...) Hot English Mustard. A spoonful of mashed potato that's too buttery and creamy to be good for you. This style of wine demands an historical perspective. A nod to the past with a red wine made with all of today's science and progress.

Specifics

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.5%

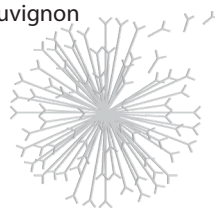
TA: 6.8 g/L

pH: 3.47

Latitude 35°24'23" South

Longitude 138°49'26" East

Altitude 80 Feet = 25 Metres



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