



## CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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 and Doug, Annette, Kirsty and Pete Balnaves remain fully committed to a high level of ‘hands-on’ involvement.

Vintage 2020 was characterised by small berries with thick skins, resulting in wines with fine tannins and tight structures. In 2020 our best Cabernet Sauvignon from the Walker and Dead Morris vineyards (89%) was co-fermented with 11% Petit Verdot, with an extended maceration on skins. Matured for 13 months in 54% new French oak barriques before bottling in October 2021.

With a vibrant hue and lifted violet perfume, the palate shows intense mulberry fruit. This plush fruit is beautifully balanced with subtle, smoky French oak and complex, chewy tannins.

### **Reviews**

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**Rating:** 96 points

*“This wine is perfectly structured and flavoured. Blackcurrant, dark chocolate, bay leaf and violet flavours come threaded with tobacco and assorted fragrant herbs. It’s all built on tannin, in a way, and yet regardless the fruit flavours flood straight through, like a wave. Stand atop the bow of this wine, peer out towards the horizon, and that’s where this wine’s future lies.”*

PRICE	\$40
VINTAGE	2020
ALC/VOL	14.5%
TOTAL ACID	6.3 g/L
pH	3.45
CELLARING	Optimum at 10-12 years after vintage