

2021 Cabernet Merlot



Tasting Notes

Nose: A pretty lift of strawberry blossoms, raspberries, dark cocoa, HB pencil, and vanilla pod.

Palate: This is a medium-bodied wine that has been designed to exhibit the pretty side of cabernet sauvignon. Initially soft, it grows into a generous core of blackberry, plum, and earthy beetroot. The tannins are fine, graphite-like, and chalky.

Pairing: Don't overthink your pairing: red and white meat, along with vegetables (roasted or mashed), will all work well. Do stay away from anything too spicy or bold, as this will detract from the wine's softness and subtleties.

Technical Notes

Vineyard: The primary fruit for this wine was grown at the estate in Wilyabrup. This includes some of the oldest cabernet sauvignon on the estate. The merlot and cabernet franc are also estate-grown. Our fruit has been supplemented with additional cabernet sauvignon and malbec from a neighbouring Wilyabrup vineyard.

Winery: In making this wine, we have taken lengths to minimise tannin extraction. This is to produce a style that is rich in flavour but possessed of a softness to allow the wine to be enjoyed upon release. Cooler fermentation in open stainless steel fermenters, on skins with gentle pumpovers, occurred over ten days, before soft pressing and movement into a combination of old and new French barriques. Maturation took place over fifteen months before bottling. This year our blend is made up of 87% cabernet sauvignon, 8% merlot, 4% cabernet franc, and 1% malbec.

ABV (%):	13.5
Acidity (g/L):	6.6
Sugar (g/L):	<1.0
Cellaring:	Designed to drink now (after a brief decanting), but can be cellared for up to five years.