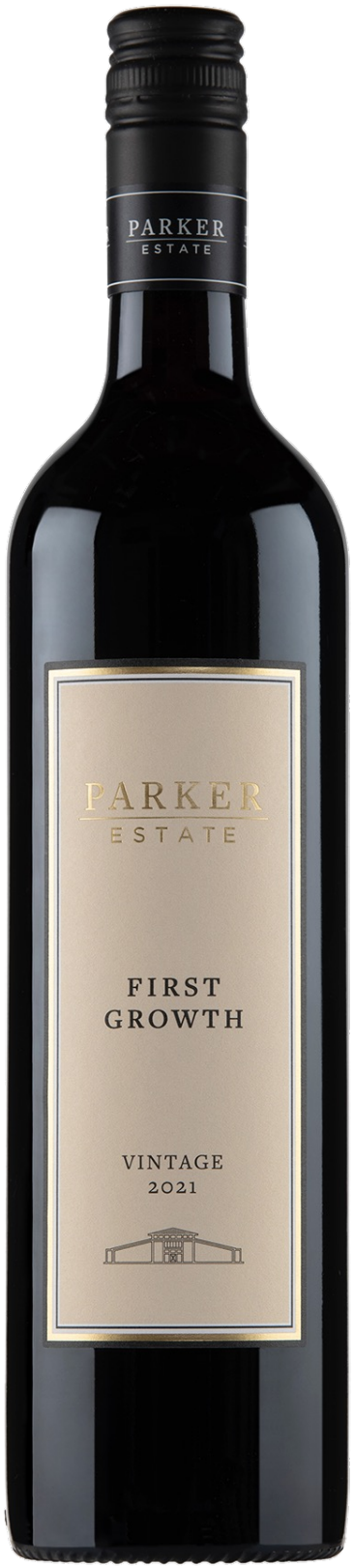
PARKER ESTATE

FIRST GROWTH 2022



As the name suggests, this wine is crafted from the best grapes the estate has to offer. John Parker believed it could rival the First Growths of Bordeaux, and from its first release it did, and continues to do so. First Growth is only produced in vintages where fruit quality and varietal typicity is deemed to be exceptional.

VITICULTURE

The Parker Estate 'Abbey' vineyard is located on the southern end of the region's famous strip of terra rossa soil and is predominantly planted to Reynell Selection Cabernet Sauvignon – original cuttings from Bordeaux. These vines, first planted in 1985, are the backbone of our First Growth. Our region benefits from the cooling influence of the Southern Ocean, so we enjoy an extended ripening period which gives wonderful fruit expression, depth and complexity.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for our First Growth was fermented in a 9T closed-static-fermenter for 42 days (fermentation lasting 11 days before the parcels were topped and sealed for a further 31 days). This extended maceration encourages tannin structure and increases ageing potential. After time on skins the wine was pressed to 75% new oak barriques sourced from renowned cooperages Taransaud and Seguin Moreau. The wine was then matured in oak for 16 months to create fine grained tannins and produce a tightly structured wine with the potential to improve with correct cellaring in excess of 20 years.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

TASTING NOTES

Colour | Deep ruby, with purple hues.
Aromas. | Blackcurrants, cedar and spice.
Palate | A fine and elegant wine. Rich red fruits, with subtle cedar spice and firm tannins.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol | 14.5%
TA | 5.5 g/L
pH | 3.44
R/S | 0.50 g/L

Vegan