

PAXTON

CABERNET
SAUVIGNON
McLAREN VALE
2022



VARIETY: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD: Jones Block and Thomas Block

COLOUR: Lindt 95%

SMELL: A contemporary take on Cabernet Sauvignon, rich but restrained. This wine invokes the senses to a lazy afternoon bush meander, listening to the calls of the lorikeets high in the trees. Scents of native mint and wild, untamed blackberries floating through the sun-scattered air, hearts are warmed as the sun fades with smokey notes of hot chocolate warmed on a small camp fire.

TASTE: Length yet opulent softness like watching an Olympic athlete dominate the long jump in slow motion, landing on a soft cloud of sand. The linear tannins run off the ridge into a bed of ripe, fleshy blood plums and stewed rhubarb and cocoa crumble.

MUSIC MATCH: Radio Nowhere – Bruce Springsteen

GOOD: Christmas 2023 **BETTER:** Winter 2024 **KEEP:** Winter 2024-2026

VINTAGE: 2022: Well, you thought 2021 was good but I bet you hadn't heard about 2022 yet! With most of the country experiencing extreme La Niña conditions, in McLaren Vale we were hit with the lucky stick and enjoyed plenty of soil moistening rain through the winter but no extreme events. Budburst was a breath of new life after a long cool Winter and conditions were ideal up to flowering where things went a bit haywire. Crazy Melbourne type weather blew a lot of the flowers away before they could turn into fruit.. but less fruit, more quality and coming off a bumper 2021 vintage it helped balance things out. We had a lovely cool summer, which helped ripening happen nice and slow, just the way we like it. Vintage was well spread out with fine days through most of March allowing us to choose when to pick and preserve stunning, natural acidity.

VINIFICATION: At Jones block we harvested on two separate occasions to have the best of both worlds; lifted varietal characters and acidity in the earlier harvest matched with black fruit flavours and softer tannins from the later harvest. Thomas Block was the last to be harvested as it our coolest vineyard in McLaren Vale. This vineyard adds some more spiced characters and a touch of elegance, all batches were separately fermented to be blended further down the track. A little new oak in puncheon form helps to digest the chewier tannins, the rest of the wine in a combination of used French oak puncheons and barriques of varying ages for 7 months.

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

At Paxton Wines, we have been nurturing our family owned vineyards in McLaren Vale, South Australia, since 1979. We are leaders in organic and biodynamic winemaking.

Viticulturist David Paxton, along with Winemakers Ashleigh Seymour and Kate Goodman have combined their years of experience, and by embracing biodynamic and organic practices (fully certified since 2011), are producing the healthiest of vines.

Through the use of natural preparations and composts, the soil and vine are able to find the perfect balance. The end result is exceptionally pure fruit and "Wines with Life".



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