



PEPPER TREE

AGED RELEASE

2019 Wrattobully Merlot | Cabernet Sauvignon | Malbec

Produced from specially selected parcels of fruit grown on our Wrattobully estate vineyard, our Member's Aged Release blend is a wine with a true sense of place. This blend showcases beautiful perfumed aromatics and a palate rich with supple red berries and fine tannin. Time spent in French barriques has further refined the silky texture and completed the rich mouthfeel of this wine. The result is a wine of balance, composure and deep complexity

VINTAGE

Despite some nail-biting brushes with frost, 2019 turned out to be an excellent vintage and produced arguably the best wines from the area since 2004. Cool early season conditions led to low yields in Cabernet Sauvignon but all other varieties yielded well. Hot weather in January and February had marginal impact on our vineyard and by the time ripening was well underway in March, conditions had cooled considerably. This led to one of the longest ripening seasons for many years and the last fruit was harvested in May. The long 'hang time' led to fruit of great flavour and balance.

Some outstanding parcels of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon were picked especially from our 21A Cabernet block. These wines have intense colour and flavour and the long slow ripening has produced very good integration and balance of tannins. 2019 reds are expected to be outstanding wines.

APPELLATION / GI

Wrattobully (SA)

WINEMAKING

As the fruit reached optimal ripeness, it was handpicked and sorted in the vineyard before being transported to the winery. The grapes were then de-stemmed and cold-soaked for three days before being inoculated with a specially selected yeast strain. Once dry, the resulting wine was pressed off skins and put to French oak puncheons for a maturation period of near 15 months. The individual barrels were then tasted and selected for blending and the wine prepared for bottling.

VINEYARD

Wrattobully is located in the Limestone Coast wine zone. The prominent viticultural feature of the area is the series of ancient beach ridges and dunes which run roughly north-south through the area. These ridges are made up of soft crumbly limestone which weathers to produce the red and

brown Terra Rossa clay loam soils so highly prized for grape growing. The ridges and dunes have elevations of up to 30m compared with the neighbouring regions to the south with Terra Rossa 'high' of less than 5m. The extra elevation on the Wrattobully dunes produce the advantage of cold air drainage which reduces the risk of frost during the growing season.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Merlot 75%, Cabernet Sauvignon 15% Malbec 10%
BOTTLING DATE:	11/2023
PH:	3.52
TA:	6.4 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.2%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.4



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