



PEPPER TREE

(PREMIER RELEASE WINE)

2021 'P.J.P.'

Wrattonbully Cabernet Sauvignon

The P.J.P. pays tribute to the three men whose work in the vineyard has led to the development of our finest Cabernet block. Owner and geologist John Davis singled out this small block because of its thin rocky limestone soils which produce tiny bunches and berries with fine distinctive tannins. Our P.J.P. was assembled from the top barrels from the vineyard and represents the very essence of Wrattonbully Cabernet Sauvignon.

Aromas of dark fruits with enticing blackcurrant pastille, hints of bay leaf and olive underpinned by spicy, subtle oak. On the palate it's full and lithe, pleasantly harmonious and supple. Brooding, brambly fruit intensity with a touch of dark cocoa, structured and immense weight with good depth of tannin. Long spicy and assured with great length and concentration across the finish.

VINTAGE

Wrattonbully experienced the coolest vintage for many years which led to slow balanced ripening. The quality of the resulting wines is considered by many locals to be the best for 40 years. The cool weather allowed for complete flavour ripening by time sugar ripeness was achieved. This produced great balance across all varieties and exceptional colour and flavour depth in all red varieties. Cabernet Sauvignon was outstanding and our best Merlot parcels have the best colour and flavour we have ever seen from our vineyard.

Our small parcels of alternate varieties like Malbec, Petite Verdot, and Barbera are all showing great varietal definition.

The most outstanding vintage for many years.

VINEYARD

Wrattonbully 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 Wrattonbully dunes produce the advantage of cold air drainage which reduces the risk of frost during the growing season.

APPELLATION / GI

Wrattonbully (South Australia) 100%

WINEMAKING

Our best blocks of Cabernet go through individual row selection which results in four different picks and four different ferments. Once fermented dry, the individual lots were pressed off skins and put to French oak barriques (15% new). After 12 months in oak, the individual barrels were tasted and the outstanding barrels were selected and blended together to create this wine.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	02/2023
BOTTLE NUMBER RANGE:	1 - 2910
PH:	3.49
TA:	6.3 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.2%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.4

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HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION 2025

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Blackberries, bramble and prune plums. Pepperberry, kamoto pepper and basil seed. Highlights of rose and rosella florals. Pomegranate seed and beetroot leaf. Cocoa nib and cinnamon quill. The palate is dense and compact, but lively acidity elevates the mid-palate. Red leather, maple bark and chewing tobacco. Tannins are interlaced with the fruit concentration. This will age glacially and gracefully and yet is drinking superbly now too. It's a thoroughbred of the region.