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Metala

METALA WILLIAM FORMBY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

Metala is a historic single vineyard in South Australia's Langhorne Creek and includes the oldest family-owned Cabernet Sauvignon vines in the world. Wines are handcrafted by fifth generation custodian Guy Adams, with an 'always faithful' Australian spirit.

The William Formby collection is named after Guy's Great Great Grandfather, South Australian pioneer and Metala founder William Formby. Each wine is expertly crafted to showcase the best of this historic single vineyard and includes parcels of fruit from the original plantings in 1891.

2021 VINTAGE CONDITIONS

We began with a spring that was warm and dry which led into an unusual start to January and February with a few heat spikes followed by some light rains. This delayed harvest a little, but as the weather conditions stabilised and with warm days and lovely cool nights helping retain the natural acidity, we resumed a more 'normal' picking time that we hadn't seen for nearly a decade. Overall, we saw what we believe to be almost perfect ripening.

WINEMAKING

The fruit sourced for the William Formby Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the best sections of the single vineyard. The fruit is harvested in two parcels which are kept separate in the vineyard until the final blend. The wine is fermented in stainless steel tanks, with a 10-14 day maceration. It sees minimal intervention in the winery, including the use of a uniquely designed gravity 'lift' tank that ensures the wine retains all natural flavours and brightness. The wine is then matured in a combination of new French oak puncheons and barriques for around 18 months.

Appearance: The wine exhibits a deep crimson hue, exuding vibrancy and allure. Its rich colour suggests depth and concentration, enticing the eyes with its captivating presence.

Bouquet: Prepare to be enveloped in a complex and enticing bouquet. The wine opens with aromas of cassis, offering a luscious and inviting sweetness. Red currants add a vibrant and tangy note, enhancing the overall fruitiness. Earthy undertones provide depth and complexity, while a hint of mint adds a refreshing touch. Subtle nuances of pencil shavings and cedary oak add an element of sophistication and structure to the aromatic profile.

Palate: On the palate, this Cabernet Sauvignon reveals its seamless and refined nature. Generous flavours of blackberries and red fruit dominate, saturating the palate with their sweet juiciness. The wine's elegance is further enhanced by textured tannins that gracefully caress the tongue, providing a velvety and luxurious mouthfeel. Balanced by natural acidity, the wine showcases a harmonious interplay between fruit and structure. The finish is firm and persistent, leaving a lasting impression on the palate.

Food and Wine match: Enjoy with a perfectly cooked Dry Aged Steak.