

# E.B. GLEESON 'THE PASTOR' CABERNET MALBEC 2018

He watched over the herd and his rural kingdom with a keen eye and was referred to as the 'Pastor of Clare.'



Cabernet 78%,  
Malbec 12%, Shiraz 10%



Clare Valley

%

14.5%



3.49

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6.1 g/L

## STYLE

This is the very first release of Cabernet Malbec for Kirrihill under the new flagship E.B. Gleeson label. Cabernet Malbec is a classic Clare Valley blend as Cabernet Sauvignon has long been recognised as a consistent variety that performs strongly in Clare Valley. The addition of Malbec adds weight to mid-palate, contributing texture and richness, resulting in an intriguing wine of complexity and power.

## PAIRING

Lamb tagine with dates, confit duck breast with plum sauce and Blue or Stilton cheese.

## CELLARING

This wine will continue to gracefully develop over the next 15-20 years.



## THE ESSENCE OF CLARE VALLEY



## VINIFICATION

The Cabernet and the Malbec were picked and fermented separately in small batches. The Cabernet was cold soaked for several days and then fermented for 14 days on skins. A cool ferment ensured that maximum vibrancy and freshness were maintained. The Cabernet was pressed off skins to approx. 50% new French & American oak and 50% second use French oak puncheons. The Malbec from the Schobers Vineyard was given a cool ferment to 22C and then drained and pressed to old French oak.

## SEASON AND SOURCE

2018 was an excellent vintage with perfect ripening conditions, characterised by long, warm days and cool nights, which made the quality exceptional.

The Malbec hails from our distinguished Schobers Vineyard at the southern end of the valley, presenting plush, rich fruit and elegance. The unique combination of low yielding vines on terra rossa soils, varied aspects which allow for a diversity of planting layouts, and an elevation of 370 metres above sea level, all contribute to producing wines of exceptional pedigree.

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