

# PIKES

## CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

### 2018 'THE DOGWALK' CABERNETS

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Cabernet Sauvignon (75%) is one of the Clare Valley's best varieties, and when it reaches its greatest potential, it rivals Riesling. Cabernet Franc (25%) is not as widely planted in the region, but blends extremely well with its relative, contributing an elegance and brightness to the wine. 2018 was an extremely good red vintage for Clare, slightly warmer than average, but vineyards by and large achieved a great balance of fruit and acid.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Fruit Source:** Estate Grown

**Variety:** 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cabernet Franc

**Vintage:** 2018

**Region:** Polish Hill River, Clare Valley

**Fermentation:** Wild yeast, open fermenters

**Maturation:** 12 months in French barrique, 12% new

**Alc/Vol** 13.5%

**pH** 3.37      **TA** 6.47 g/L

#### TASTING NOTES

**Appearance:** Medium to deep red.

**Aroma:** Fragrant red and black currant fruit swirls around floral notes of crushed violets. Oak playing a supporting role providing hints of cedar and cigar box.

**Palate:** Medium bodied, displaying good concentration of fruit, subtle French oak, well balanced acidity and lovely, fine tannins. The length of flavour and overall elegance of the wine leaves a lasting impression.

**Summary:** A classic example of Clare Valley Cabernet blend. Imminently drinkable upon release, but will reward some patience with 7 – 10 years of cellaring.

#### ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is grounded by family. From brothers to sons, since 1984 when the Pike family first stepped foot on Polish Hill River soil and decided to make wine together.

Our site is unique, with tough acidic soils overlaying ancient dark grey siltstone of the Kadlunga Slate formation, which has lay beneath Polish Hill River for 650 million years.

Our wine style is elegant and refined, yet approachable. A style that has been forged over many years by geology and geography, viticultural learnings, and a hands-off winemaking approach.

#### Pikes Tasting Room

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Tasting Room: 10am – 4pm daily

SLATE Restaurant, open for lunch : 12pm – 3pm daily

