



## CABERNET 2021

**Grape Variety:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Region:** Coonawarra, SA

**Winemaker:** Corey Ryan & Jim Zerella

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Summary:** The southern hairy-nose wombat is smaller than other wombats but is stocky, robust and the proud state emblem of South Australia. Like the might of the little wombat, Little Giant is crafted from premium regional South Australian fruit from established vineyards that deliver character and interest well above their size and weight. Hand-crafted and made with minimal additions and preservatives, these are wines made of the vineyard. The grapes are picked at optimal ripeness, and minimally handled in the winery and fruit vibrancy is not hidden by non-essential artefacts. Seeking first and foremost fruit expression, drinkability and being a great accompaniment to food. Don't let the size fool you, these are wines you'll want to drink.

**Winemaking:** Sourced from two vineyards that were planted with one on black and the other on red soils of the famed Coonawarra. All the fruit was picked during the early morning to retain colour and flavour retention and then crushed and fermented for a period of up to 10 days. Following primary fermentation, the wine was pressed off into a small parcel of new but mostly into older oak for malolactic fermentation and maturation where it was held for a period of 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

**Vintage 2021:** An exceptional vintage with ideal growing conditions and outstanding quality fruit! A later start to the vintage due to a mild summer facilitating a longer ripening period and a lovely balance in red wines. Dry conditions through summer resulted in small berries and thick skins in reds. Intense aromatics and bold flavours are a characteristic of the 2021 Coonawarra vintage.

**Tasting Note:** Aromatics of rich blackberry fruits and spice, lifted with perfume. The palate is deep with black currant, and mulberry, subtle oak provides a hint of chocolate and nutmeg. Chalky varietal tannins give classical framework and weight to the wine which finishes with integrated fruit and oak driving a long finish. Perfect with Roast leg of lamb and Dutch carrots.

