



METALA SHIRAZ CABERNET 2022

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 iconic White Label collection are sourced from parcels of fruit throughout the Metala single vineyard and represent the power and expression of Langhorne Creek.

2022 VINTAGE CONDITIONS

In 2022, higher mid-winter rainfall and a cold, windy spring led to a moderate crop level. Downy mildew appeared in the vineyard due to rain and humidity in January and February. The vintage experienced a cool and humid summer influenced by La Nina, resulting in a delayed harvest compared to recent years. However, the wines showcased a newfound brightness and good acidity, reminiscent of past vintages.

WINEMAKING

Each year the blend of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon is assessed based on the fruit we see in the winery. The 2021 vintage is a blend of 80% Shiraz and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. The fruit was harvested in the cool of the early morning to retain all the natural acidity. A portion of the Cabernet Sauvignon was aged in seasoned French oak barriques while a portion of the Shiraz was seasoned in French and American hogsheads and barriques each for around 12-13 months. Minimal winemaking intervention with the use of a uniquely designed gravity 'lift' tank.

Appearance: The wine mesmerizes with its deep purple-red hue, radiating a brilliant intensity that commands attention and evokes a sense of opulence.

Bouquet: Immerse yourself in a sensory delight as the wine's enticing aromas unfold. A lavish compote of mixed berries dominates the bouquet, with ripe blackberries taking the lead and captivating the senses. Mingling with the blackberries, the subtle presence of mulberry leaf and mint adds a refreshing herbal dimension that balances the fruitiness. A touch of cedar lends an alluring woody note, while delicate hints of violets grace the nose, imparting a touch of floral elegance.

Palate: Prepare for a harmonious dance of flavours on the palate. Sweet and dark fruits take centre stage, their richness perfectly counterbalanced by the presence of fine tannins, creating a well-rounded and velvety mouthfeel. Indulge in the enchanting taste of blackcurrants, their juicy intensity delighting the senses. The freshness of mint interweaves with the dark fruits, infusing the palate with a revitalizing touch. A subtle hint of menthol elevates the experience, leaving a cool and invigorating sensation that lingers.

Food and Wine match: Be bold with the 2022 Shiraz Cabernet. Enjoy with Slow-cooked Stews, Strong Cheeses and Earthy Mushroom Dishes.

Alc: 14.5% | pH: 3.54 | TA: 6.9