2019 Hentley Farm Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD FOUNDER KEITH HENTSCHKE WENT AGAINST THE GRAIN WHEN SELECTING THREE HILLSIDE SITES TO PLANT CABERNET, AND THE RISK HAS PAID OFF.



Variety | Blend

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Pre-Vintage

Rainfall: Average winter and spring rainfall | Low summer rainfall

Temperature: Cool spring leading to warm summer

Upshot: Low crops | Return to standard flowering and fruit set | Frost and hail events

Vintage

Rainfall: No rainfall during the vintage period Temperature: Warm conditions throughout

Upshot: Fast ripening conditions | Condensed vintage | Intense flavours and tannin | Wines of power and structure

Vineyard

C Block

& E Block: Very shallow red clay loam overlying shattered limestone | North-south oriented rows | Elevated eastern aspect

Upshot: Reduced natural vine vigour | Intense and vibrant flavour profile

Winemaking

Fermentation: De-stemmed | Partial extended skin maceration – ranging from 5 to 55 days on skins Oak: French – 10% new, 90% old | Natural malolactic fermentation | 10 months maturation

Tech. Analysis: Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.57 | Acid: 6.5g/L | RS: <1.0g/L

Noteworthy Dates

Harvested: 26th February - 16th March 2019 | Bottled: December 2019 | Released: November 2020

Sensoral Information

Profile: Rhubarb | Plum | Black Cherry | Tobacco | Tea Leaf | Bitter Orange | Rosemary | Choc-mint

Texture: Soft palate | Long finish | Fresh and vibrant

Characteristics

Animal: Grey Wolf

Vehicle: BMW 2 Series Coupé

Musical: Classical Oboe



