

# **Coughlan Estate**

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022

Nestled amongst the glorious rolling hills of Donnybrook, is the hidden gem of Coughlan Estate - home to some of the oldest vines in the region. Coughlan Estate is a dry-grown vineyard with a very hands on approach. Focusing on traditional viticultural practices, everything is hand - picked at vintage, and the vines are carefully hand-pruned and tended throughout the year. The wines themselves are crafted by the ever-talented Bruce Dukes & Remi Guise.

# VINTAGE CONDITIONS

With good winter rain and generous Spring sunshine saw a great start to vintage. The season started considerably earlier than usual, due to the warm summer, with our vineyards considering vintage in the last weeks of January, up to 3 weeks earlier than normal. The Cabernet was harvested mid February. Overall quality was pleasing.

#### WINEMAKING

The fruit is hand-harvested, de-stemmed and lightly crushed so that each berry is just split. This ensures a slow release of sugar, tannin and flavour, and results in higher levels of aromatics and greater control of tannin extraction and sculpting. A cool ferment in traditional open top fermenters takes place over 18 days, with plunges 3 times daily in order to ensure full extraction of the coating Cabernet Sauvignon tannin. The wine was then separated from the skins and transferred to a selection of French oak Barriques, where it was aged for 14 months before blending, clarification and bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Concentrated red and black fruits, dark chocolate and violets, introduce an opulent palate, laced with cassis, allspice and red cherries. A pure finish of red fruits, soft textures and natural acidity.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Vintage: 2022

Winemaker: Remi Guise

Grape Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Bottled: 5 June 2022

Growing Area: Geographe, WA

Alc: 14.5 % Cellar Potential:

