

## Pride of the Fleurieu Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

**Dandelion Vineyards**  
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### Stranger's Reach Cabernet is Dandelion Vineyard's Pride of the Fleurieu



## Background

Dandelion Vineyards is a unique fusion of vine and vigneron. Our wines represent decades of experience, blending the fruit of our heirloom vineyards with the finest traditions of artisan winemaking. Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time. Our wish is to nurture the unique character of these vineyards and express their terroir in our wines.

Capturing variety, vintage and vineyard requires an enlightened approach and although our growers see the Devil in every weed, we encourage the humble Dandelion amongst the vines as they suppress winter weeds, provide mulch in the summer, and proffer their Wishing Clocks in spring to blow off to make our wish come true.

This Pride of the Fleurieu Cabernet was grown in the family's pride and joy, overlooking the Finnis River wetlands, Tony Brooks and Prof. Barbara Santich's dry grown Stranger's Reach vineyard cooled by the Great Southern Ocean and Lake Alexandrina where low rainfall and deep alluvial soils encourage Cabernet to 'populate or perish'.

Selected bunches were hand picked by family and friends in the third week of April and gently crushed into open top fermenters. After 8 days fermentation the wine was then basket pressed into some new but predominately older French Oak Barriques for 18 months maturation and then bottled with minimal winemaking artifact to capture the essence of the vineyard and will reward cellaring and decanting.

Vale Evelyn (gran) Phillips nee Walker vintage 1921-2010.

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Zar Brooks, *Typist & tba*,  
Elena Brooks, *BSc (Oenology)*  
Adelaide Winemaker

## Tasting Notes

### Colour

Red-black-purple and darkly lustrous.

### Nose

Blackberries from the cane underlined by a quicksilver waft of vanilla. Rounded, ripe and yet true to cabernet sauvignon's DNA. Lifted aromatics of hardy herbs and tobacco leaf; hints of minerals, lime and earth.

### Palate

Fruit and tannin in harmony. Blackberry and cassis with background acidity. Structure and length. The faintest lick of finely tuned oak spice at the front palate. The core of blackberry fruit is well-mannered, with multitudinous and graphitic tannins swimming effortlessly in at palate's end. A big mouthful of red wine, but so structured as to remain poised and polite.

### Drink

Your grandest cote de bouef cooked rare over vine embers; or - if time and/or vine cuttings be in short supply - the humblest butcher's sausage baked in the oven. Duck fat chips with the former, mashed potato with truffle oil with the latter.

### Specifics

*Composition:* 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

*Alcohol:* 14.5%

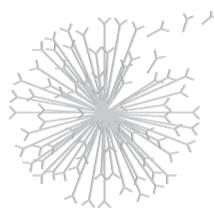
*TA:* 7.12 g/L

*pH:* 3.41

*Latitude* 35°24'23" South

*Longitude* 138°49'26" East

*Altitude* 80 Feet = 25 Metres



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