

# PAXTON

CABERNET  
SAUVIGNON  
McLAREN VALE  
2021



At Paxton Wines, we have been nurturing our family owned vineyards in McLaren Vale, South Australia, since 1979. We are leaders in organic and biodynamic winemaking.

Viticulturist David Paxton, along with Winemakers Ashleigh Seymour and Kate Goodman have combined their years of experience, and by embracing biodynamic and organic practices (fully certified since 2011), are producing the healthiest of vines.

Through the use of natural preparations and composts, the soil and vine are able to find the perfect balance. The end result is exceptionally pure fruit and "Wines with Life".

VARIETY: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

COLOUR: Bright red with an amber hue

AROMA: The CAB evokes the sounds and senses of the Australian bush, hiking in the Victorian high country amongst grazing cattle and wild brumbies. Respiring the fresh mountain air whilst scrambling along a rocky ridge, a seat around the campfire in the evening is well deserved. Sandalwood, mountain pepper leaf and wild blackberries are keeping you company on this walk.

PALATE: Like balancing on a fallen log across a gurgling creek, this wine is finely equilibrated between acidity, juicy berry flavours and plush but elongated tannins. A touch of spice on the finish brings you back to your resting place by the fire.

MUSIC MATCH: Skinny Love—Bon Iver

GOOD: Christmas 2021 BETTER: Winter 2022 BEST: Winter 2023-2026

VINTAGE: 2021 was one of those dream vintages that don't come along every year; cool, refreshing nights and dreamy, sun-kissed days without any extended stretches of intense heat. After a warmer than usual November there were only four days above 40 degrees. It was mainly dry throughout the ripening season with the odd spattering of just enough rain to keep the grapes beautifully plump, juicy and full of bright fruit flavours and time to dry out in between so disease pressure was low. The gentle undulation between these varying temperatures and perfectly healthy canopies allowed us to really ponder picking times, spending plenty of time out in the vineyard tasting grapes getting the timing of picking just right. The generous harvest has rewarded us with delightfully delicate fruit and varietal characters, with each variety singing its own tune. Natural acids are in perfect balance and the smooth, sensuous tannins completed by an epic energetic vibration that we can't wait to share with you.

VINIFICATION: At Jones block we harvested on two separate occasions to have the best of both worlds; lifted varietal characters and acidity in the earlier harvest matched with black fruit flavours and softer tannins from the later harvest. Thomas Block was the last to be harvested as it our coolest vineyard in McLaren Vale. This vineyard adds some more spiced characters and a touch of elegance, all batches were separately fermented to be blended further down the track. A little new oak in puncheon form helps to digest the chewier tannins, the rest of the wine in a combination of used French oak puncheons and barriques of varying ages for 7 months.

ALCOHOL: 13.5%



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