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## St Ignatius Premium Cabernet Blend

**Winemaker**  
Will Shields

**Region**  
Clare Valley

The colour is solid and strong. The aroma is deep and layered. Aromas of blackcurrant and cassis, swirls of mint, dried oregano, blueberry, and juniper. The palate is luxurious. Plump sweet black fruits are wrapped in velvet tannins. Balanced and poised and ready for a long future.

### Background Story

His army career was cut short by a ricocheting cannonball and while his shattered leg was on the mend, Ignatius developed a lifelong love of learning. His devotion to education is embedded into the psyche of the Jesuit Order today and a key reason they built a centre of learning along with the very first winery in the Clare Valley.

### Winemaking

The 2019 St Ignatius does not stray from the varietal mix and hierarchy that has given this wine such a following. The synchronicity of these varieties proves itself each vintage with only the percentage varying with each vintage.

The 2019 is Cabernet Sauvignon (52%), Merlot (28%), Malbec (14%) and Cabernet Franc (6%). The varieties are fermented separately in either the open slate fermenters or stainless steel tank and were pressed off skin at dryness, which was generally 10 to 14 days after harvest.

The individual batches were blended to form the final wine in December 2019 and returned to barrel (French oak Puncheons, 35% new) for a further 10 months barrel maturation.

**Vintage:** 2019

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**Standard drinks:** 8.3

**Acidity:** 6.0g/L

**p/H:** 3.43

**Bottled:** February 2021

