

# SKILLOGALEE

## ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Hand-crafted in small quantities, our Cabernet Sauvignon is an aromatic and succulent blend, composed predominantly of Cabernet Sauvignon with small selections of Cabernet Franc and Malbec. Our low-yielding, dry-grown vines are more than 50 years-old and situated on the high natural contours of our single estate property in the Clare Valley. Hand pruning, hand harvesting and sustainable farming techniques ensure the purest expression of fruit and terroir are achieved from these old vines.

After cold soaking, and vinification in small batch open fermenters, the skins are gently basket-pressed and the wine is aged for up to two years in predominantly French oak hogsheads. After blending, the resulting wine not only delights the senses with its aroma and flavour, but also embodies the unique land and season in which it was produced.

#### VINTAGE

With cool and dry weather, the 2021 vintage in the Clare Valley produced lovely fruit with excellent varietal character and natural acidity. The cool growing season was preceded by late-winter and early-spring rains which allowed for good spring growth on the vines. This was followed by below average rainfall and dry conditions for the remainder of the season, resulting in a vintage that produced beautiful and classic Clare wines with smaller bunches and grapes therefore reducing yield.

#### APPEARANCE

The wine has a deep, intense, and opaque ruby red colour.

#### NOSE

The aroma is characterised by notes of ripe black fruit (blackberry, cassis), mint, and with hints of green bell pepper, tobacco, cedar, and vanilla.

#### PALATE

This Cabernet Sauvignon shows lifted violets and bright flavours of blackcurrant spice and chocolate with an elegant fine tannin backbone.

#### WHEN TO DRINK

Ready to drink but with careful cellaring this wine has the potential to mature gracefully for ten+years.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Pairs beautifully with a wide variety of foods, especially those with bold flavors and rich textures such as grilled or roasted red meats, hearty stews and casseroles, barbecue meats and vegetables.

### 2021

ALCOHOL 14.5%

BOTTLING DATE
January 2023

VINE AGE
Approximately 50-years

ACIDITY (PH) 3.74

TITRATABLE ACIDITY  $6.1\,\mathrm{g/L}$ 

GRAPE VARIETIES Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc Malbec



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