

Briar Ridge



Limited Release

2019 'Big Bully' Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

Despite some brushes with frost, 2019 turned out to be an excellent vintage. Cool early season conditions led to low yields in Cabernet Sauvignon. Hot weather in January and February had little impact on our vineyard and by the time ripening was underway in March, conditions had cooled considerably leading to one of the longest ripening seasons for many years.

Outstanding parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon were picked and have intense colour and flavour with very good integration and balance of tannins.

VINEYARD

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on well-drained fertile red clays over limestone located in the region of Wrattontully, S.A. The vineyard has drip irrigation installed on each vine row to ensure vine health and consistency of quality. The crop yields are relatively low, producing excellent concentration of fruit flavour.

WINEMAKING

After crushing and destemming the must was cold soaked on the skin for approximately 72 hours before being fermented on the grape skin for a further 6 days in a static fermenter at 24 - 27 °C. The wine was then pressed off to another stainless steel vessel. Malolactic fermentation was completed shortly after the alcoholic fermentation and the wine was racked into brand new and 1 year old small French oak casks for 16 months maturation. The wine was then stabilised, fined and filtered for bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Our 'Big Bully' is made exclusively for our members and represents small parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon selected from our estate grown Wrattontully Vineyard for their distinctive varietal and regional characteristics. A classically styled wine with concentrated blackcurrant and blackberry fruit flavours, strongly defined tannin build and length and high quality French oak character. This wine is full bodied with a persistent complex finish.

CELLARING

Drinking well now or will further develop with medium to long term cellaring.

ALC/VOL: 14.5% | STD DRINKS: 8.6 | BOTTLED: April 2021

pH: 3.7 | TA: 5.7 g/l



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