

# Briar Ridge



Limited Release

## 2020 'Big Bully' Cabernet Sauvignon

### VINTAGE

Our Wrattenbully vineyard escaped any influence of the national bushfires. Vintage commenced with cold inclement weather during flowering and fruit set in late Spring/ early Summer which led to small crops. In compensation the small crops ripened fully and produced some exceptional wines across the board.

### VINEYARD

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on well-drained fertile red clays over limestone located in the region of Wrattenbully, 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 24 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 Wrattenbully 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: 14.2% | STD DRINKS: 8.4 | BOTTLED: January 2022

pH: 3.58 | TA: 6.1 g/l



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