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## CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2023

Broody, silky, juicy, statuesque and well defined. Rich cassis, earthy cedarwood and sweet tobacco leaf. This wine is everything you never knew you wanted. There's a reason why Cabernet was king of the Yarra for so long.

### VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

The 2023 growing season presented numerous challenges, as has been the trend in Victoria over the last few years. A wet and cold spring interrupted flowing. Thankfully a sunny December allowed the vines to dry and develop healthy canopies. Overall the season was cooler than average and the low yields led to wines with weight and concentration.

Crafted from old vines grown in our home vineyard in the Yarra Valley. Fruit was destemmed and crushed into static fermenters and innoculated at low rates to promote a slow start fermentation. After pressing, wines were racked to 300L French oak hogsheads (10% new) for malolactic fermentation and maturation. After 17 months barrels were racked and returned a few times. The naturally settled wines were then blended and bottled.

## NOTES

Black cherry, star anise, Tobacco leaf, velvety tannins.

#### PAIRING

juicy steak burger or roast lamb with all the trimmings.

REVIEW - 90 POINTS - LISA CARDELLI (2021 Vintage)

#### SPECS

Alcohol 12.5% | PH 3.56 Acid 6g/L | Sugar dry