



2017 CABERNETS



Vineyard: Rockyfeller, Golden Mile
Blend: 71% Cabernet Franc 20% Cabernet Sauvignon 9% Malbec
Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.77
Total acid: 6.75g/l
Residual sugar: 1.0g/l
Harvested: October 2017
Bottled: 27th August 2019
Released: 1st May 2020

WINEMAKING

- hand harvested, 100% destemmed and sorted with the Pellenc
- small lot ferments (under 2 tons) with commercial strains specially selected for Cabernets
- cap management was conducted with pump-overs and punch-downs
- pressed off at dryness and racked to barrel to undergo malolactic fermentation in the spring
- 100% French barrels – 50% new oak
- total time in barrel is 20 months
- racked and bottled unfiltered and unfined

TASTING NOTE

This wine is a pure and expressive example of a blend of both Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon varietals when allowed to full ripen – a robustly savoury and powerfully structured wine that remains gracefully welcoming with its beautifully textured tannins. With seductive aromatics of blackberries, cassis, eucalypt and cloves, this wine then displays a superb palate with overtures of wild strawberry, leather, tobacco and earth. An abundance of fine dusty tannins will provide structure to this wine for many years and enhance the enduring finish.

Pair our Cabernets with braised beef short-ribs for a satisfying meal.

This Cabernets will be even more delightful with some time in your cellar. Under ideal conditions, it can be cellared for 10+ years.