

MÉRITE

cabernet sauvignon 2020



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Mike Kloak and Colleen Miller

Grape(s): Cabernet Sauvignon

GI: Wrattenbully (Limestone Coast, South Australia)

Site(s): Estate vineyards in the Joanna region of Wrattenbully

Vintage notes: The 2020 vintage will be remembered as a challenging season. It was dominated by fluctuating weather - between cool windy conditions and extreme heat spikes - which has led to one of the lowest crops out of the region in recent times. Despite the tough season, the hard work and effort put in by the growers in the district has paid dividends with very strong and varietal red wines being produced again this season, cabernet sauvignon being the standout.

Vineyard notes: Varied top soils, including the terra rossa red, silty clays made famous by neighboring Coonawarra, are over a limestone bedrock and system of caves. The vineyard sits 110m above sea level, making it the highest planting in Wrattenbully.

Winemaking: Sunrise harvest. Grapes were crushed, destemmed, and fermented in small-batch stainless steel tanks. After 7 days, the ferments were drained, pressed, and racked into oak. Maturation in French and Hungarian oak, 20% new. Egg white fined.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 14.8%

LEGEND tasting notes: A regal wine, balancing firmness and juiciness to great appeal. Aromas of dusty cedar, tobacco, Davidson plum (a tart native plum), and black currant. The palate adds complexity with river mint, cinnamon myrtle, and plump but structured blue and black fruit. This wine is defined by length, structure, and balance: an affordable wine for serious cabernet drinkers.

Production size: 600 dozen

Press: 92 Points, Vinous