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## 2022 HEAD RED

### *Cabernet Sauvignon*

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I've been banging away at Cabernet for a good 10 years now and never felt the desire to bottle one. It can be a wonderful blending tool in the Barossa. As time passed and my 'Vineyard Monopoly' game improved I felt it was time to put a Cabernet blend together for bottling.

In 2022, I started working with a 1950 planted vineyard on the white wind-blown sands of Ebenezer. There was a wonderful history of wine coming from the vineyard and I knew, given time we can create something wonderful. We also procured access to very small, ½ tonne parcels of old vine merlot, cabernet franc, malbec and petit verdot to use as blending partners. In time, we hope to produce one of the great cabernets of the Barossa.

Classic notes of blackcurrant, black cherry, tobacco and cassis. Creamy texture and fine chocolatey tannins. *Alex Head*



RAINFALL: 435ml (April '21-March '22 avg. 465ml)

VINEYARD: Ebenezer (Barossa Valley 85%), Nuriootpa (10%), Flaxman Valley (Eden Valley 5%)

VARIETAL: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec & 2% Petit Verdot

VINE AGE: Cabernet was planted in 1950 & others in 1980-1994

SOIL/ROCK: Deep red clay, sandy loam, quartz & ironstone

AVG. YIELD: 1.5 t/a or 24hl/h

PRODUCTION: 400 cases

VINIFICATION: Closed fermenters, indigenous yeast, 10 day ferment, pumpover daily.

BOTTLING: September '23, minimal So2, unfined

ACIDITY: 5.8g/l

ALCOHOL: 1.4%