

## BACKSBERG

FAMILY TREE RANGE



John Martin

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON 46% MERLOT 35% MALBEC 10% PETIT VERDOT 9%

**VINTAGE** 2017

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The Family Tree honours the rich tapestry of people and places that were integral in the Backsberg legacy. John Martin dedicated over 40 years of his career as Sydney Back's beloved farm manager. This classic, Bordeaux-style red blend pays tribute to his balanced and bold approach to life.

VITICULTURE Four vineyard blocks were specially selected to optimise varietal character and suitability of the old-world style favoured for this particular blend. Grown in predominantly weathered granite and Oakleaf soils, this wine has been crafted with intention from vine to bottle.

VINIFICATION Highly concentrated, intensely flavoured grapes from each of the four Bordeaux varietals were hand selected. After six months of individual maturation, careful consideration was taken to ensure the ideal blend. Co-maturation ensued for a further 18 months in 30% new as well second and third fill French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTE Stewed plum, cigar box, musk and honey on the nose followed by concentrated flavours of black forest berries, cedar and vanilla on the palate. This wine is a true all-rounder - just like John.

The perfect accompaniment to classic hearty fare of roast beef or lamb.