



## THE GENTLEMAN

### 2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Approximately 40% of this wine originates from David Forrest's vineyard high up in the Eden Valley. At around 400 metres above sea level, one of the highest points in the Barossa region, this vineyard produces truly exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon - indeed some of the best I have had the pleasure to work with. It's pretty tough country up there and the lean bony soils keep the yields low and the berries small... hallmarks of flavour intensity. To create a slightly richer style, 60% of the blend is sourced from Cabernet vineyards in the Barossa Valley, namely the Riebke's vineyards at Ebenezer as well as our Hoffman vineyard near Tanunda and Semmler Vineyard in Lyndoch.

#### VINTAGE

The Barossa's 2022 vintage was generally mild, with the early growing season punctuated by light Spring rains, providing essential moisture for vine growth. As summer progressed, the absence of extreme heat ensured excellent acid retention and the development of well-balanced flavours. The mild autumn extended the ripening period, contributing to optimal grape maturity for Cabernet Sauvignon in both the Barossa and Eden Valleys. In summary, the weather during the 2022 vintage provided favourable conditions, producing wines rich in varietal character and pure flavours of the Barossa.

#### TASTING

The Barossa Valley components provide great structure and power - ideal partners to the classic Cabernet elegance and sweet cassis core from the Eden Valley fruit. Furthermore, the Barossa Valley fruit provides a lovely chocolate, rich fruit backdrop with delicious savoury tannins, whilst the Eden Valley fruit takes the lead with lifted varietal aromatics and blue fruits, creating an elegant wine full of vibrancy.

A true gentleman of the Barossa.

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<b>VARIETY</b>	60% Cabernet 40% Sauvignon
<b>SUB-REGIONS</b>	Ebenezer, Tanunda, Lyndoch and Eden Valley
<b>HARVEST</b>	17th March - 13th April
<b>MATURATION</b>	12 months in seasoned French oak Barriques & hogsheads
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	pH 3.46 TA 6.5 g/L 14.8% ALC/VOL
<b>CELLAR</b>	5-12 years