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It's the 29th of May 2020, and even though the rule... never start a new job on a Friday is a personal mantra, I had no choice but smash out label three, of

three (kids) in three days. The 2015 Georgie's Walk Cabernet just had to join her siblings with an official June release. What better way to celebrate COVID19 restrictions lifting - quicker than we had feared - but slower than we hoped - than by unleashing all three together. South Australia has (on the evidence) done a bloody good job with halting the pandemic in its tracks and Georgie has done a magnificent job navigating it all through the last few months of her Hotel Management Degree. She has had to be adaptable as everything transitioned to online studying. The result was a lot of Zoom meetings and FaceTime but most of all having to just muck in and just get the job done. I'm really proud of not just her grit and determination to overcome all these challenges, but the fact that she's risen above and beyond to absolutely study the shit out of it!!! (A proud Dad am I) That said, Work/Life balance is also a speciality of my Georgie Girl and, as I sit and write this, She and her boyfriend Turner have (encouraged by the irrepressible youngest, Alex) taken her two brothers fishing for the day. An even prouder Lehmann Family tradition - playing Hooky from school to have a bit of fun (and hopefully bring home a feed). So, as I sit and ponder the chances for fresh Calamari for dinner, raise a glass of her namesake with me and toast my most excellent girl Georgie; CHEERS!

To some, the fact that we grow Cabernet Sauvignon in the Barossa is and absolute shock. To the Initiated minority however, it is the variety that we value above all else - yours truly front and centre! 2015 was a vintage that on paper perhaps was not what you'd ask for when it came to the Bordeaux varieties, but thankfully came up absolute trumps. To me, it is very reminiscent of the 2005 Georgie's Walk in the first flush of youth. The three home Cabernet Sauvignon blocks; House on the Hill, Horse Paddock and Bultawilta, each contributed a different dimension to the 2015 Georgie's Walk. The fruit started its journey to your glass in late February/ early March with all three blocks picked over a 14-day period. The relatively early vintage meant that Cabernet retained plenty of natural acidity, whilst having wonderfully developed silky tannins - chock full of everything I wanted and more! The 2015 Georgie's Walk was handmade in 12 small open ferments ranging in size from 475Kg to 500Kg. Each batch was hand plunged three times a day during ferment before being basket pressed after a total of 30 or so days on skins. The wine was then filled with full lees to a mix of new and seasoned oak for 26 months maturation. After final blending, 1980 bottles of the 2015 Georgie's Walk Cabernet Sauvignon and released in June 2020 as a five-year-old masterpiece. Team david Franz have, as always, finished the bottle with the hand printed love we would never let it leave home without. Enjoy and Cheers!

Georgie's Walk 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon

Production:
12 small open ferments ranging in size from 470Kg to 770Kg from our 'Home Blocks - House on the Hill, Horse Paddock and Bultawilta
Total production 1980 bottles

Colour:
Rich and deep red with a brooding dark core

Nose:
Great Barossa Cabernet varieties - Piercing red berry and black currant over dark chocolate, liquorice savory leather and cedar notes. Plenty of fragrant dark fruits.

Palate:
Vibrant cassis and savory strap liquorice. Rich mid palate with gentle warmth and fine elegant tannins. Great length with a slathering of rich lingering chocolate flavours coating the mouth

