



Pride of the Fleurieu Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Dandelion Vineyards
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Stranger's Reach Cabernet is Dandelion Vineyard's Pride of the Fleurieu



Background

Dandelion Vineyards is a unique fusion of vine and vigneron. Our wines represent decades of experience, blending the fruit of our heirloom vineyards with the finest traditions of artisan winemaking. Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time. Our wish is to nurture the unique character of these vineyards and express their terroir in our wines.

Capturing variety, vintage and vineyard requires an enlightened approach and although our growers see the Devil in every weed, we encourage the humble Dandelion amongst the vines as they suppress winter weeds, provide mulch in the summer, and proffer their Wishing Clocks in spring to blow off to make our wish come true.

This Pride of the Fleurieu Cabernet was grown in the family's pride and joy, overlooking the Finnis River wetlands, Tony Brooks and Prof. Barbara Santich's dry grown Stranger's Reach vineyard cooled by the Great Southern Ocean and Lake Alexandrina where low rainfall and deep alluvial soils encourage Cabernet to 'populate or perish'.

Selected bunches were hand picked by family and friends in the second week of March and gently crushed into open top fermenters. After 14 days fermentation the wine was then basket pressed into some new but predominately older French Oak Barriques for 18 months maturation and then bottled without filtration or fining, to capture the essence of the vineyard and will reward cellaring and decanting.

Vale Evelyn (gran) Phillips nee Walker vintage 1921-2010.

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Zar Brooks, *Typist & tba*,
Elena Brooks, *BSc (Oenology)*
Adelaide Winemaker

Tasting Notes

Colour

Purple-black and brilliant; a dinner-jacket of velvet suiting.

Nose

The bouquet comes first, that being the subtle in extremis waft of a distant half stave of a perfect barrel of French Oak. Yet like a shadow falling and a shadow which then disappears, the bouquet falls away and the aroma of carefully nurtured cabernet sauvignon grapes springs elegantly to life: a panoply of red and forest berry aromatics, touches of the green and savoury, such as capsicum, fennel and fresh herbs.

Palate

Everything is built around this wine's small yet powerful core of mulberry and blueberry and raspberry fruit. As if compressed by eons of time this fruit spins slowly and awaits. Softer riper fruits and finely grained tannins orbit around it, offering a round and welcoming yet savoury glass of red wine. The after-palate is all black fruits and drying tannins that stretch and linger. This wine knows it is cabernet.

Drink

Air. Besides food this cabernet needs aeration. Double-decant it. Pour it back into the bottle. Big glasses. (All of which augurs well for a long life, if left cellared.) Otherwise - as with the best cabernet wines - drink this now with a good butcher's sausage. Tannins, pork fat. Find your bliss.

Specifics Composition:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.5%

TA: 7.11g/L

pH: 3.39

Latitude 35°24'23" South

Longitude 138°49'26" East

Altitude 80 Feet = 25 Metres

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