



Noon Winery

2021

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Langhorne Creek - Australia



NATURAL



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard: Borrett Farm: Fruit Trees and Main Road Block

Vine Age: 30-50-years-old

Soil Type: Deep, alluvial gravelly loam intermixed with yellow clay

Viticulture: Sustainable (no herbicides or pesticides) – dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native – open-top 35hL French oak vats

Skin Contact: 15-20 days

Aging: 18 months in 225L French barriques (20% new)

Alcohol: 15.1%

pH: 3.81

Total Acidity: 5.9 g/L

Total SO₂: 107 ppm

Total Production: 875 cases

Reviews

Vinous | 95 points

Jancis Robinson | 16 points

About

Grapes for the Noon Reserve Cabernet have been sourced from the same vineyard (the Borrett Family Vineyard in Langhorne Creek) since the first Reserve Cabernet in 1996. Earlier bottlings of this wine; 1993, 1987 and 1986 (when Drew's father David was the winemaker) were labelled simply as Noon's Cabernet. This is composed of two blocks: The Fruit Trees Block and Main Road Block, which are on a deep alluvial soil, with enough clay to retain good moisture and in a site cool enough to ensure slow ripening and high flavor development in the grapes. The resulting wine is a riper style than many, yet has the track record of impeccable aging and balance. There was no 2001, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, or 2017 Reserve Cabernet produced due to seasonal conditions. Following two years of small crops, 2021 was the vintage they had been hoping for with better yields combined with really good quality.

Hand harvesting of the grapes occurred late in the season. Constant hand plunging throughout the fermentation is used to assist with color and tannin extraction from the grape seeds and skins. At the end of ferment, the wine is pressed using our manual basket presses. Maturation takes place in French oak barriques (225l barrels) for 18 months. Approximately 20% new barrels are used.

Tasting Note

The 2021 has a purity of varietal expression combined with a rounded texture which makes it as natural as an old friend. There's impressive depth of flavor here and a long, clean finish with firm tannins.