



Dandelion Vineyards

2019

'PRIDE OF THE FLEURIEU'

Cabernet Sauvignon | *Southern Fleurieu - Australia*



NATURAL



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyard: Stranger's Reach Vineyard
Vine Age: 50-years-old
Soil Type: Deep alluvial mix
Viticulture: Sustainable - dry-farmed
Fermentation: Native – destemmed and crushed in stainless steel
Skin Contact: 14 days
Aging: 18 months in French barrique (20% new)
Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.31
Total Acidity: 7.2 g/L
Total SO2: 50 ppm
Total Production: 3,000 cases
UPC: 9342160000133

About

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 the second week of March and gently crushed into open top fermenters where the wine naturally fermented over the course of 11 days. After three additional days on skins, the wine was basket pressed into some new but predominately older French barriques for aging. A single racking to the same barrel occurred the following spring and after a total of 18 months, the lots were blended and bottled without filtration or fining and just a small addition of sulfur.

Tasting Note

Vivid purple. Blackberry, cassis and cola on the fragrant nose. Offers an array of dark fruit compote and spice flavors and picks up smokiness with air, along with a floral nuance. Finishes sweet and long, with resonating spiciness and gentle tannic grip.

Reviews

Halliday Wine Companion | 93 points