

2018 CALLER RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



HARE'S CHASE



Technical Notes:

Winemaker:	Jason Barrette
Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Region:	Marananga Barossa Valley
Alcohol:	14.3% alc/vol
pH:	3.66
TA:	7.2 g/L
Residual Sugar:	0.10 g/L
Bottled:	08 November 2019

Vintage Conditions:

The 2018 growing season got off to the right start with winter rainfall 10% up on the average, however as the growing season progressed, rainfall was down throughout spring and summer. Dry soils, combined with warmer temperatures allowed for quick canopy growth and perfect flowering and fruit set. Higher than average temperatures in January and significantly higher February night time temperatures (5.8°C above average) brought the onset of harvest earlier than normal. The Indian summer through March and April ensured both full flavour and colour development.

Vineyard Selection:

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were sourced from a single vineyard located in the world-famous Barossa Valley from 30 year old vines.

Winemaking:

Grapes were destemmed and gently crushed into a five-tonne open fermenter where twice daily pump-overs provide soft tannin extraction. After the completion of fermentation, the wine was basket pressed to a combination of new (50%) and seasoned (50%) French and American oak hogsheads for 16 months. The wine is neither fined, nor filtered to preserve optimal aroma and flavour integrity.

Tasting Evaluation:

Colour: Dense, dark core verging on black, crimson rim.

Aroma: Perfumed bouquet of blueberry, blackcurrant, licorice, aniseed and cassis. Secondary characters of bay leaf, black olive, freshly cut tobacco with cedar oak spice.

Palate: Fresh, vibrant red and blue fruit flavours of dark plum, black raspberry, cranberry and rhubarb. Fleshy mid palate considering 100% Cabernet. Textural dusty tannins coat the surfaces of the mouth with red apple acidity give focus and length. Expressing varietal purity and displaying classic Barossa Valley Cabernet characters.

The Hare's Chase Cellar Reserve collection enables us to showcase the most unique wines of the vintage, whether it be fruit from a specific block within our vineyard or a distinctive parcel or variety that has shown itself to be a standout. This collection enables us to bring the wines that have most excited us in the winery to you in their purest form.