



# GREENSTONE

ESTATE SERIES

YARRA VALLEY

2016 CABERNETS



*Dark red with a maroon coloured hue, dense and shiny. Blackberry, red currants and blueberry fruits lift from the glass. Notes of cassis, dried summer leaves, with hints of coffee and smoked meats. Aromatics move through onto the palate. The berry fruit is fresh and generous. Sitting comfortably and pedestalling the fruit through the length of the palate are complementary fine tannins and oak phenolics. A dark richness is enveloping, yet remains elegant and refined. Medium bodied, and well structured, this wine can be cellared for 8+ years.*

## VINEYARD AND WINEMAKING NOTES

From the 1984 Cabernet planting on the vineyard, also at the highest point, this SA125 clone produces a light crop. The fruit is harvested in the early morning while the fruit is cool, to maintain berry integrity. Crushed, or in this case, berry split to open fermenter, we only want the juice to be released from the fruit so the berry overall is still in shape. In the fermenter the juice surrounds the almost whole berry, resembling what looks like a sea of small blueberries. The fruit is inoculated to undergo fermentation. Each day the fermentation is manually punched down or pumped over to moderate fermentation temperature, and extract flavour and tannins from the skins. After a total of 20 days on skins, the wine is pressed and transferred to new and seasoned French oak hogs head barrels.

Maturation and secondary fermentation takes place over the next 3 months, where the wine is then racked and returned to oak for a further 9 months maturation. Tasting and topping over this time, the barrels show their offerings and a final blend selection is decided just prior to bottling. This 2016 vintage saw a small addition of our G block Petit Verdot added to it, lifting the florals and adding a pretty line to the wine.

## VINTAGE & TECHNICAL INFORMATION

<b>Vintage:</b>	2016	<b>Alc/Vol:</b>	13.0%
<b>Grape Variety:</b>	26% Petit Verdot, 74% Cabernet Sauvignon	<b>PH:</b>	3.47
<b>Region:</b>	Yarra Valley, Victoria	<b>TA:</b>	5.60g/L
<b>Closure:</b>	Screw Cap	<b>VA:</b>	0.59g/L
		<b>RS:</b>	0.22g/L

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