



Est. 1969

2018 Dry Red Wine No. 1

Cabernet Sauvignon 55% Merlot 28% Malbec 12% Petit Verdot 5%

Accolades

98 Points – Huon Hooke, *The Real Review*
98 Points – Tyson Stelzer, *WBM (Aust Wine Business Magazine)*
96 Points – James Halliday, *Wine Companion*
Gold Medal, 2022 London Wine Competition
Trophy Winner, Yarra Valley Wine Show 2020 (Best Cabernet Varieties & their blends)
The Real Review Best Wines of 2020 - #1 Cabernet Blends (VIC)
#2 – Tyson Stelzer's Top 12 Australian Wines of 2020

Vines

The first plantings at Yarra Yering into Block No. 1 were these Cabernet vines and thus the name was born. The Malbec was also part of the original 1969 plantings. Some Merlot vines are interplanted with the Cabernet with subsequent plantings made in 1990 on the newly acquired neighbouring land. Petit verdot is now only grown on the hillside of the new territories.

Winemaking

All hand harvested and processing across a sorting table, only the very best berries go into this wine. The Cabernet fruit is crushed to build structure through fermentation. Merlot, Malbec and Petit verdot are whole berry ferments for fragrance and palate flesh. All fermented in half-tonne fermenters and hand-plunged twice daily, some of the Cabernet spending extended time on skins for complexity. Components kept separate in French oak barrels, only 40% of them new until being blended just before bottling after 15 months barrel maturation.

Wine

Fruit power is the hallmark of this blend, dark berry fruits and some sage adding a background herbal lift. Christmas cake mixed spice and oak is evident but all in balance with the fruit. Beautiful fruit, a bright acid drive and tannins that form a solid foundation for the long future. Brooding but not intimidating, this will be exciting to watch evolve.

Cellaring

Upon bottling this wine looks and tastes juvenile, needing some bottle maturation to unfurl. Under suitable cellaring conditions it will evolve for 20+ years if you wish to show restraint.

13.5% Alc