



## HOWARD PARK

MARGARET RIVER & GREAT SOUTHERN

# 2021 HOWARD PARK SCOTSDALE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### DISTINGUISHED SITES

Cabernet Sauvignon from our Abercrombie vineyard, located in the Mount Barker subregion of the Great Southern, is crafted to highlight the distinctive varietal and regional qualities of our best sites. Planted to the Houghton clones of Cabernet in 1976, in this cooler, continental climate, the vineyard sits on a north facing, elevated slope where it captures ample sun to fully ripen Cabernet Sauvignon.

### TASTING NOTES

In this profound expression of Great Southern Cabernet Sauvignon, dark hedgerow berries interlace with cassis, prune and black olive, creating a concentrated and brooding bouquet. Accents of nutmeg, anise seed, fresh soil, mocha, and dusty gravel add depth and intrigue. The palate unravels as flavours of mulberry, blood plum and a hint of baked raspberry tart are embraced by fine, chalky tannins. Balanced acidity and a delicate touch of French oak lend this wine intricate layers of complexity and refinement. Although easy to enjoy in its bright fruited youth, this wine shows great propensity to age elegantly, rewarding the patient custodian.

### VINTAGE

Vintage 2021 was shaped in late 2020 as a great vintage with slightly lower than average rainfall over the spring period ensuring vines had good fruit set and plenty of reserves for the growing season. Warmer than average late spring and early summer allowed for good canopy growth and balanced crops, projecting healthy yields and good quality.

Moving into the ripening season the effects of a La Niña weather pattern created strong weather events that brought higher than average rainfall events. These rains freshened up canopies and reduced the need for irrigation which was welcome, especially in the Great Southern region, and even more so for late ripening varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon. For those who could pick around the rain events there were some strong wines. Overall, this was a vintage for the well prepared and brave – Howard Park was both!

### VINEYARDS

Vineyard: Abercrombie Blocks 1A, 1B & 2.

Location: Mount Barker, Great Southern.

Soils: shallow lateritic gravels over sandy, clay loam.

Aspect: North easterly slope Clone:

Houghton, planted 1976

### WINEMAKING

Small parcels were hand-picked and hand sorted to remove any unwanted material before fermentation. Fermentation occurred in closed stainless steel fermenters and small open top fermenters. Selected parcels remained on skins after fermentation to further enhance the tannin profile while others were pressed at dryness to capture fruit vibrancy. Each batch was matured separately in order to build a wine history over time. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation and matured in French oak (~ 25% new) for 18 months prior to blending, fining and bottling.



Variety:  
Cabernet Sauvignon

Region:  
Mount Barker

Cellaring:  
Drink now or cellar for  
up to 15 years.

Analysis:  
Alcohol: 13.5% v/v  
Acidity: 5.92 g/l  
pH 3.47  
Residual Sugar: 0.54  
g/l