



HOWARD PARK
MARGARET RIVER & GREAT SOUTHERN

ARBOR NOVAE SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Arbor Novae Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a bunch selection from Block 29 of the Leston Vineyard, located in the Wilyabrup district of the Margaret River region. This area is renowned for soil profiles considered ideal for Cabernet, and benefits from its balanced climatic location in the middle of the region, yet still close to the Indian Ocean.

Block 29 is a dry-grown block of Cabernet planted with a Massale Selection of Houghton clone vines procured from the Abercrombie vineyard in Mount Barker.

From the 2016, 2017 and 2018 vintages sections of the block were isolated and hand-harvested separately. All the isolated bunches were from the more sheltered Eastern side of each vine row. Identical winemaking techniques were employed for each vintage so that the bottled wines reflect the prevailing conditions of each growing season.

Each bottle is individually numbered and the harvest and bottling dates are noted on the bottle.

2016

Rich, powerful fruit rises from the glass carrying subtle aromas of savoury charcuterie, Tuscan herbs and baking spices. An elegant, integrated Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine speaks to the wonderful, warm vintage of 2016. Wild bramble, cassis, and blueberry effortlessly intertwine with bacon fat, black olive, vanillin and cinnamon to form a refined, appealing perfume. On the palate, the wine reveals a plethora of briary fruit creating depth and density while notes of rosemary, sage and beef broth lend tantalising savoury undercurrents. Fine, delicate and well-integrated, the palate is driven by fruit purity and power culminating in smooth, fine-grain tannin that locks in flavour and elongates the finish.

2017

Aromas of dried herbs, savoury spice, and crushed stone come to the forefront supported by a core of fresh mulberry and blueberry fruit, suggestive of cooler vintage conditions. Cracked peppercorn, olive, bay leaf, coffee, and graphite are present on the nose, interwoven between lifted notes of briary berries. Subtle and layered, this wine displays a crushed rock minerality that adds dimension to the more typical fruit and spices aromas. Blue fruits fill out the palate, washing across the mouth with a fine, supple texture driven by tart acidity and leading into powdery, chalky tannin. A wine with plenty of complexity to be discovered, it is ready to enjoy now yet would only benefit from more bottle ageing.

2018

Spicy and perfumed, the 2018 marks a return to warmer vintage conditions and with that a return to ripe, red Cabernet fruit accented by savoury undertones that build layers of flavour. Hints of mint, leather, tobacco, spiced fruit cake and red liquorice rise from the core of cherry and red plum. Plush, rounded ripe fruit adds palate weight and opulent texture with silky, smooth tannin coming into play as the wine travels through to a luxurious, long finish. A testament to the power of Cabernet Sauvignon in an idyllic vintage, this wine is well-balanced and persistent making it undeniably enjoyable now, although it will only continue to integrate and evolve with time in bottle.



Original label artwork produced in collaboration with renowned West Australian artist Andy Quilty, exclusively for the Arbor Novae range.