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HARDYS
1853

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MCLAREN VALE

COONAWARRA

MARGARET RIVER

FRANKLAND RIVER

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2017

Winemaker's Notes

History shows that Thomas Hardy first blended grapes from multiple regions in 1865. Thomas believed that blending grapes with different characteristics would complement and enhance the qualities of each region. So began Hardy's rich blending heritage; with each new blend a unique code was created starting from A001.

2017 HRB Cabernet Sauvignon is an elegant and balanced wine made using Thomas Hardy's traditional methods of blending wine from the best regions in Australian to produce the best wine possible. Premium parcels of cabernet from McLaren Vale, Coonawarra, Margaret River and Frankland River were hand-picked and berry sorted, before undergoing a cool natural open fermentation, basket pressing and ageing in fine grain French oak. Meticulous blending has resulted in this outstanding example of Australian Cabernet Sauvignon.

Record breaking winter and spring rainfalls preceded almost perfect growing season conditions for Vintage 2017. Healthy canopies and above average crops combined with an extended mild summer with minimal heat spikes to produce very high quality fruit. Harvest began around 2 weeks later than in recent years with fruit showing excellent colour and flavour with bright natural acidity.

Tasting Notes

Wine Style

Sweet 1 2 3 4 **5** Dry
Light 1 2 3 4 **5** Full bodied

Colour

Brilliant dark red with purple hue.

Bouquet

Lifted mulberries, violets and blackberries with hints of musk, tobacco leaf and cinnamon spice.

Palate

A complex and layered palate of red and black current, plum and raspberry with touches of anise, mint, cocoa, and black tea

Alcohol
14.3%

Residual Sugar
0.3g/L

Acidity
6.4 g/L

pH
3.62

Winemaker
Paul Lapsley

Region
McLaren Vale
Frankland River
Margaret River
Coonawarra

Grape Variety
Cabernet Sauvignon

Malolactic Fermentation
100%

Cellaring
8 to 15 years

Oak Maturation
100% French 25% new oak
for 16 months as individual
vineyard components

Climate
Mainly Mediterranean &
cool Continental

Age of Vines
20 to 70 years

Harvesting
Hand Harvested

