



LEVANTINE HILL

2018 Levantine Hill Estate Cabernet Sauvignon



Vintage	2018
Varietal blend	93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc
Harvest date(s)	13 March (Merlot); 15 March (Cabernet Franc); 20, 22, 24 and 29 March (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Bottling date	17 th November 2020
Oak treatment	100% matured in old French barriques
Alcohol content	13.0%
Preservative(s)	Sulphur dioxide (220)
Ageing potential	10+ years
Winemaking	Sourced from our two Estate blocks of SA125 clone Cabernet Sauvignon. Small additions of Block 10 D3V14-clone Merlot and Block 8 1334-clone Cabernet Franc. All fruit was hand-picked, hand-sorted, destemmed and crushed to small open vats. Stalks were added back to select parcels for additional complexity. A mix of natural fermentation and inoculated varietally-compatible yeasts. Cuvaision length ranging from 1 to 3 weeks on skins. Hand-plunged or pumped-over a maximum of once per day.
Winemaker's notes	2018 provided conditions for an all-round solid vintage across the board. The late season Cabernet Sauvignon benefited greatly, showing taut slow-building power in a medium-bodied framework with restraint & precision. This timelessly refined expression of Cabernet Sauvignon (with Merlot & Cabernet Franc included at blending for enhanced mid-palate weight & leafy complexity) is the result of an assemblage of eleven individual small batches sourced from Blocks 8, 10, 11 and 16 on our Maroondah Highway vineyard. Intense signature aromas of blackberry, black currant, tobacco leaf, toasted cumin, coriander seed, Szechuan pepper & freshly turned earth. The poised slow-build powerful palate delivers nerve, verve and drive from the interplay of defined natural acidity and wash of juicy red fruit over the mid-palate with supporting flavours of bramble, chicory, smoked paprika & char-grilled meats. Oak character is quietly supportive in concert with cumulative fine-grained tannins. The wine confidently pushes through the palate to a long and reverberative finish. This wine is suitable for vegans