



*Angove Family Winemakers is a fifth generation family business dedicated to crafting super premium and single vineyard wines from McLaren Vale, together with diverse wines from some of South Australia's great wine growing regions.*

#### VARIETAL

Cabernet Sauvignon

#### REGION

McLaren Vale

#### BARREL AGEING

12 months in new, 2nd and 3rd use French oak

#### TECHNICAL

Alcohol - 13.5%

pH - 3.68

Residual Sugar - <2g/L

Total Acidity - 6.1g/L

#### CELLAR POTENTIAL

2029

#### WINEMAKER

Tony Ingle

Vegan Friendly



## FAMILY CREST

### 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

McLAREN VALE

#### VINEYARD & VINTAGE

Sourced from three vineyards across McLaren Vale this wine truly gives the essence of how good Cabernet Sauvignon can be in this region when grown on carefully selected sites. 22 kilometres to the south of our Cellar Door on Chalk Hill Road in the loam and slate encrusted Sellicks Hill overlooking Gulf St Vincent sits our primary Cabernet vineyard which provides fantastic depth and structure. Heading back towards McLaren Vale just to the north of the township of Willunga sits our second vineyard. This cooler, south facing slope has loam over chalk and provides richness and finesse and finally our vineyard in Blewitt Springs in the north of the region is planted in sandy soils and gives elegance and length.

Average Winter rainfall and a dry Spring checked initial vine growth and reduced disease pressure in the vineyard. Budburst and flowering occurred in line with the long term average in mid-September. Thankfully, stable dry conditions occurred at flowering resulting in excellent fruit set. The dry, stable conditions continued throughout Summer with rainfall being up to 80% lower than averages. January experienced 14 consecutive days over 30°C but thankfully nothing over 40°C. With access to both recycled and artesian water and were able to develop the vines carefully with controlled irrigation. February was generally cool and mild and grapes were harvested in pristine condition. Wines from this vintage are lively, aromatic and vibrant with delicious dark berry flavours and spice, finishing with resounding length and delicacy.

#### WINEMAKING

These distinctly different vineyards are kept separate right through the winemaking process. Cabernet Sauvignon has small berries and thick skins so care needs to be taken to avoid extracting too much tannin. The bunches are gently destemmed allowing a large percentage of whole, unbroken berries to be present. Cold soaking at 10°C releases soft tannins and colour prior to inoculation with a specially selected yeast strain that steadily warms the ferment to 25°C where it is held until dry.

A gentle basket pressing preceded maturation in new and seasoned French oak for 12 months. The final blend was selected from only the best barrels just prior to bottling.

#### TASTING NOTE

Cabernet Sauvignon in 2018 shows purity and power with deep blue black colour with vibrant purple hues. Blackcurrant and mint aromas with a hint of sandalwood. Blackcurrant juice is apparent on the palate. Soft full tannins fill the mouth, and an aftertaste of mint and French oak underline the lengthy finish.