HICKINBOTHAM
CLARENDON VINEYARD

Hickinbotham Clarendon Vineyard covers a steep cut of country from the ridgetops above the village of Clarendon to the Onkaparinga River in the gorge below. Since its establishment in 1971, the Hickinbotham Vineyard has become a part of Australia's wine heritage, supplying fruit to produce many of Australia's greatest wines. Breathing new life into this historic vineyard, winemakers Chris Carpenter and Peter Fraser are forging a new era of Hickinbotham's prestigious legacy: building upon and honouring the vineyard's acclaimed pedigree.

THE PEAKE

CABERNET SHIRAZ

McLAREN VALE

— *2018* —

2018 was an archetypal growing season with consistent winter rains and favorable weather conditions throughout a mild spring. A dry summer led to earlier than expected picking dates and smaller yields. With the arrival of autumn, cool temperatures elongated the growing season producing grapes with concentrated flavours and balanced acidity. Although the individual components of this wine are mighty, the sum of the Peake's parts is magnificent. The Cabernet shines aromatically with notes of blackberry pie and dark chocolate, while the Shiraz fills the mid-palate with black plum and toasty oak. Fine tannins and balanced acidity contribute to an incredibly long finish. The Peake continues to honor the legacy of this iconic Australian blend.

CRAFTING THE WINE

Cabernet Sauvignon Blocks: 200 Block (35%), 300 Block (20%), Shiraz Blocks: 200 Block (31%), 300 Block (14%)

The two varieties were hand-picked, destemmed and fermented separately. During fermentation, the Shiraz was plunged three times daily while the Cabernet was pumped over daily. Both varieties were left on skins for a minimum of 18 days and gently basket pressed. The Cabernet matured for 15 months in fine-grained Bordeaux coopered barrels while a mixture of puncheons and barriques were used for the Shiraz. In total, 50% of the French oak was new. The finest barrels were selected and blended together shortly before bottling.

WINEMAKER

Chris Carpenter & Peter Fraser

HARVESTED

Shiraz: 13-15 March, 2018 | Cabernet Sauvignon: 20 & 26 March, 2018

DETAILS

55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Shiraz

Alcohol: 14.0% | TA: 6.3 | pH: 3.64

ACCLAIM

97 points - Nick Stock, *JamesSuckling.com,* May 2020

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