HICKINBOTHAM

CLARENDON VINEYARD

MCLAREN VALE

Trueman

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINTAGE 2020

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.

2020 VINTAGE SUMMARY

The growing season was affected by a very hot spring, leading to the lowest yields on our record. When the grapes started their ripening process in January, the weather miraculously cooled to a very mild ripening season. This resulted in wonderful concentration of flavour, retention of natural acidity and brightness of fruit, delivering wines with beautiful finesse and balanced tannins. The 2020 Trueman expresses cassis, rose hips, mint and Asian spice on the nose with dark cherry, cedar, slight toast, and silky tannins on the palate.

2020 WINEMAKING

Hand-picked, destemmed, whole berry sorted and gently crushed to open top fermenters. Cold soaked, pumped over daily with a minimum of 21 days on skins. Basket pressed with light pressings included in free run directly to 50% new and used French oak barriques. Bottled November 2021.

WINEMAKER

Chris Carpenter

VINEYARD BLOCKS

Blocks 200s (32%) – 2.6-hectare contoured planting from 1971. A relatively shallow soil. Brown, yellowish-red, silty light clay with greater than 50% siltstone fragments and a layer of subsoil with over 50% quartz fragments, all sitting over a bedrock of pale-yellow siltstone. Yield of 3.2-tonnes per hectare.

Blocks 300s (30%) – 2.5-hectare contoured planting from 1971. Moderate depth soil. Dark yellowish-brown light clay loam with 10-20% fragments of siltstone, overlying a pale yellow, layered siltstone, which is ferruginous in places (presence of ironstone). Yield of 3-tonnes per hectare.

Blocks 100s (38%) – 1.8-hectare planting from 2002. A relatively shallow soil. Brown, silty clay loam with 20-50% siltstone fragments, above a clay-weathered yellow siltstone layer, all over bedrock of layered yellow siltstone. Yield of 2-tonnes per hectare.

HARVEST DATES

Cabernet Sauvignon Blocks: 200s, 300s and 100s | 18 – 24 March, 2020

COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS

97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.60 | TA: 6.4 g/L

CELLAR

2022 – 2032

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